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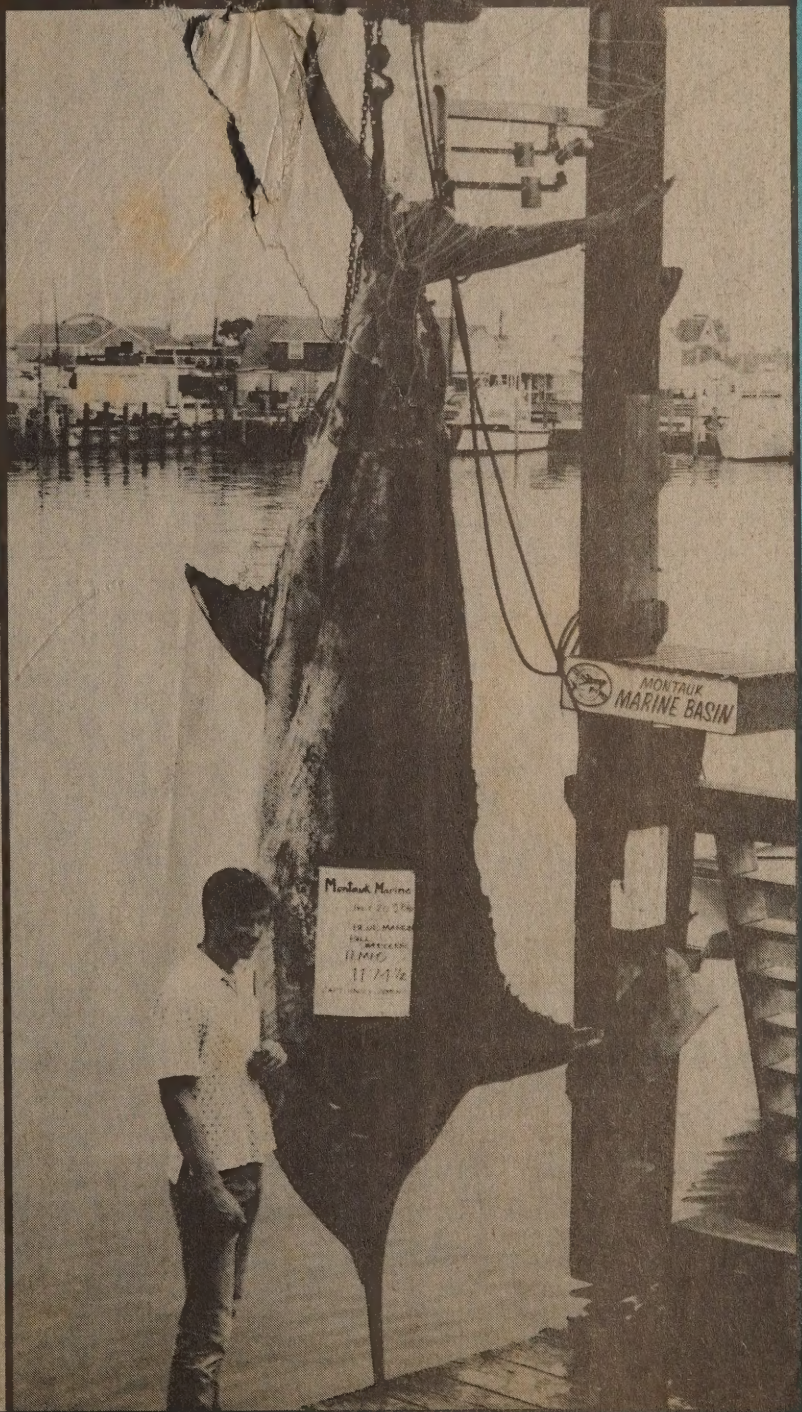
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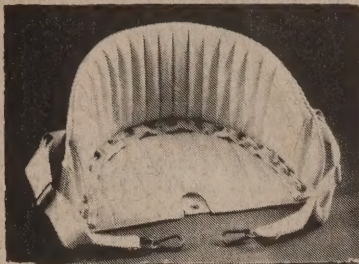
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EDITORIAL

STRIPER BAN A REALITY

The recent decision handed down from Albany concerning the ban on the harvest of striped bass by recreational anglers, came as a shock to most recreational anglers, charter boat captains, tackle shop owners and others with a stake in the striped bass fishery.

The announcement was another in a long list of decisions and regulations handed down from Albany concerning the striper, that have left the recreational sector confused and bitter. The most recent decision has strengthened the belief of many that recreational angling gets little consideration in the hallowed halls of Albany while a small group of east end net fishermen maintain a direct line to the Governor's ear. Saddled with a PCB closure for the '86 season, east end netters directed their lobbying efforts towards a total closure of the fishery and made no secret of their intent to "punish sport fishermen," a quote attributed to long-time east end commercial man, Stuart Vorphi. The prevalent attitude among east end netters is "if we can't keep them, then no one else better be able to keep them."

This philosophy is one which makes little sense since east end netters have long claimed their "conflict" with the recreational sector stemmed from "sportsies" who sell their catch. With a ban on the sale of striped bass in effect, those "sportsies," who are more accurately labelled "pinhookers," are out of the picture. Aside from the sale ban, and whether or not east end net fishermen want to accept it, pinhookers are not recreational fishermen but commercial men, just like themselves. If there was any justice to be served, it would seem that it was already accomplished by banning the sale of striped bass.

Certainly the blame for lack of even a one-fish bag limit does not lay with the commercial men despite their claims of a bittersweet victory. The fault lies with a state government that has failed to recognize the importance of a recreational fishery. A fishery which could have remained viable with the proposed one-fish bag limit.

The fact of the matter is that many of those from the recreational sector were relatively confident that a token bag limit would be granted. We all should have known better based on the track record of "Albany" concerning the striped bass issue. Probably the greatest hypocrisy occurred during the 1985 season when the call for striper management was growing loud and clear up and down the striper coast. New York responded to the A.S.F.M.C.'s edict for a 55 percent reduction in the bass harvest by banning commercial harvest west of Mastic Beach and Wading River, and imposing a 2 fish daily bag limit on recreational anglers. PCB contamination was cited as the reason for the closure of the western fishery while fish caught east of those points were deemed safe for the marketplace. An intense lobbying effort by East End net fishermen resulted in the preferential treatment for haul seiners, gill netters and trap operators. The same absurd decision opened the door for rod and reel commercials to continue their activities and made a farce of the 2 fish bag limit on the east end. Anyone wishing to harvest more than two stripers could simply purchase a commercial license. Needless to say, the best interests of striper management were not served.

Prior to the start of the 1986 season, sufficient data concerning PCB contamination was gathered to include the east end fishery in the closure.

The governor also saw fit at this time to impose a total ban on the possession of striped bass. A release attributed to DEC Commissioner Henry Williams claimed that along with a concern for contaminated fish reaching the market, "implementation of this proposal will bring New York into compliance with the Federal Interstate Fishery Management Plan." Hog wash! Management guidelines called for no such extreme measures. The truth of the matter is that with the striper banned from the marketplace, the existing 2 fish bag limit, with an increase in the size limit to 30 inches for the 1986 season (as called for by the A.S.F.M.C.), would have easily satisfied management criteria.

Enter the PCB issue as it concerns the recreational fishery. The final regulations released back on July 15th which banned all possession of striped bass, were attributed to the need to protect the uninformed consumer from PCB contaminated striped bass. This statement neatly circumvented previously established DEC policy concerning the risks involved with eating contaminated fish. A draft environmental impact study conducted as recently as 1985, defined as "voluntary," the risk taken by a recreational fisherman who has been warned through advisories of the dangers involved in eating certain fish. The plan defines as "involuntary," the risk taken by a consumer when purchasing fish through the marketplace without sufficient warning about contamination and without knowledge of the origin. Ignored by the most recent decision was the precedent set during the 1985 season of allowing a two fish recreational bag limit while banning the sale of west end striped bass. Fish which tested out at over 4 ppm PCBs!



Scenes like this, the rotting carcasses of bluefish dragged ashore by an east end haul seine crew, apparently take a back seat to politics in Albany. East end netters are already lobbying for a reopening of the bass season in 1987 based on existing PCB data.

Also ignored was the fact that a highly contaminated Great Lakes fishery continues to thrive, free from any bans on possession. It is suggested in the New York Fishing Regulations Guide that no one eat any chinook or coho salmon over 21 inches, rainbow trout over 25 inches and brown trout over 18 inches. The same species in smaller sizes should not be consumed more than once a month. These species generate millions of dollars into the Lake Ontario region, despite their contaminated state. Why weren't marine anglers given the same considerations?

The reason given to justify this public health concern, was a "lack of compliance" during the 60 day emergency regulation period. This translated into illegal possession of stripers and incidents of the sale of bass on certain docks during the emergency closure. Somehow, this amounts to a sad excuse for the closure of the recreational fishery. A tradeoff that most stripers fishermen find difficult to swallow. Governor Cuomo's concerns for public health are admirable, but in this case misdirected. Stepped up enforcement of the no sale ban would have seemed a more logical and adequate solution. It was also implied that a total ban will simplify enforcement. That, too, is as ridiculous as the ban itself. Surely, DEC must be well aware that the same poachers and individuals who disregarded the emergency closure will continue to ignore the law, particularly where there is a buck to be made. DEC should instead be working towards making the "uninformed consumer" an informed consumer through health advisories and various media outlets. Enforcement at the retail level should be stepped up and would seem far more effective than having already hard pressed DEC officers try to cover hundreds of miles of coastline during all hours of the day and night. Also, stiff penalties should be imposed upon those who engage in the sale of stripers at all levels as a further deterrent.

Indeed, the real victim of this current ban is the honest to goodness recreational angler. He is being punished for the actions of a few unscrupulous individuals who have and will continue to break the law. They have always been there. Selling short stripers when the size limit was 16 inches and selling shorts when the limit was 24 inches. They are the same people who ignored the 2 fish bag limit last season and they are the same people who will ignore the most recent regulations. And while their actions can never be justified, so too do I find it difficult to justify to a youngster who has just landed the striper of a lifetime, the reason he must release it. A youngster already well versed in conservation but with little knowledge of politics.

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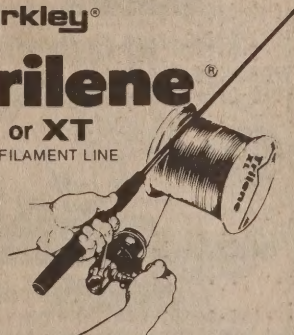
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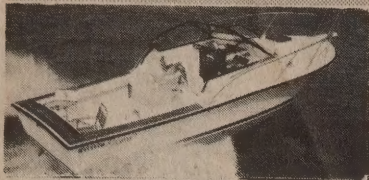
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The National Coalition for Marine Conservation expressed its opposition to the President's proposed Federal Ocean Sport Fishing License, dismissing it as "ill-conceived and poorly designed." In a June 19th statement to the House committee holding hearings on the license, NCMC director Ken Hinman criticized the proposal, calling it "nothing more than a way to increase federal revenues...Clearly, little or no thought was given to what it would or would not contribute to the management of the nation's fisheries. As written, [it] would achieve nothing to benefit either the fish or the fishermen."

Noting that licensing anglers is best left to the states, Hinman stressed that for any program to be acceptable, license revenues must be earmarked exclusively for programs to enhance marine recreational fisheries and that those revenues should supplement existing funding sources, not replace them.

NEW BOATING LAW WILL SAVE LIVES

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The Long Island legislator, citing his concern for boater safety, indicated that the measure will provide the same penalties for Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) and Boating With Ability Impaired (BWAI) as those which apply to motor vehicle operators who are convicted of drunk driving.

Senator Johnson said that a United States Coast Guard study estimated that more than 50 percent of boating accidents are alcohol or drug related. A National Transportation Safety Board study, conducted between 1978 and 1982, showed that more than 70 percent of alcohol-related boating accidents involved fatalities.

Boaters on all waters in New York State, including parts of bodies of water adjacent to Nassau and Suffolk Counties, would be subject to fines and jail terms if they are found guilty of operating a vessel while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.

Those found guilty of a first violation of BWAI would be liable for a fine up to \$150; a second violation would be punishable by a fine of \$500 and/or seven days in jail; and a third violation by a \$750 fine and/or 15 days in jail. The first violation of BWI would be punishable by a fine of up to \$350; the second violation by a fine of \$750 and/or 75 days in jail; and a

third violation by a fine of \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

The measure would establish a penalty of up to \$5,000 and seven years in jail for boaters convicted of causing the death or personal injury of another person while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It will become effective 15 days after it is signed into law. Senator Johnson termed the legislation a necessary measure of protection for the people who use boats for recreational or commercial purposes from those boaters who drink or use drugs, then operate their vessels.

U.S. NETS RECORD CATCH IN 1985

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reports that United States fishermen caught 3.2 billion pounds of fish in the U.S. Fishery Conservation Zone (FCZ) in 1985, more than in any previous year. This is an increase of 9 percent over 1984.

Still, American fishermen took only 59 percent of all the fish caught in U.S. waters last year, and much of the recent shift of effort from foreign to domestic fishermen can be attributed to joint ventures, where U.S. fishermen sell their catch to foreign processing ships. Joint venture catches of such species as pollock, cod and sole were up 37 percent last year, according to NOAA.

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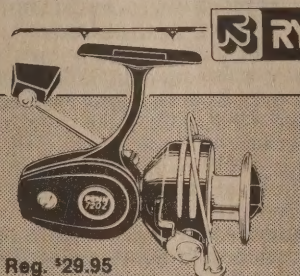
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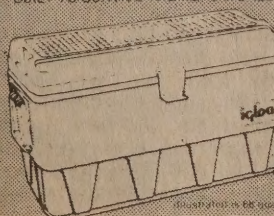
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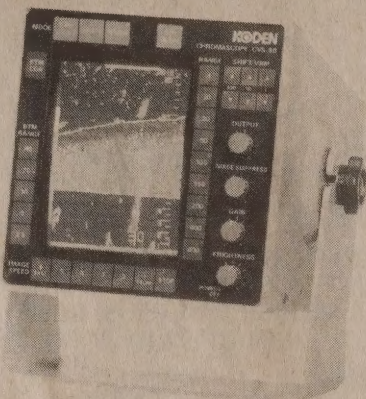
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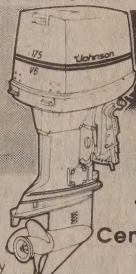
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No burnings, research or commercial, will be allowed until the federal environmental agency reviews its draft regulations for ocean incineration and produces final regulations that more fully address the potential risks involved in transporting the wastes to the burn site, the impact of incineration on marine life and the public health, and certain legal questions that will arise, such as consistency with state coastal protection laws and liability in the event of an accident. The EPA anticipates finalizing its regulations by next spring, at which time permit requests will again be considered.

LONG ISLAND SOUND PREPARES FOR "THE GREATEST BLUEFISH CONTEST ON EARTH"

Thousands of fishermen are sharpening their bluefishing skills in anticipation of "The Greatest Bluefish Contest on Earth." The fourth annual contest, sponsored by WICC Radio, will be held on the weekend of August 23rd and 24th.

Ray Gardella, Vice President and General Manager of WICC, said that 16 anglers will share a guaranteed purse of \$25,000; \$10,000 will be awarded to the registered contestant catching the heaviest bluefish. Fifteen other entrants will win \$1,000 each for reeling in the next heaviest bluefish.

The excitement of the contest grows each year and with it the prizes available to be won by all registered contestants. In addition to the \$25,000 in prize money, six specially tagged blues will be swimming the waters of Long Island Sound. Each tagged fish represents a valuable prize to the lucky fisherman who lands it. The prizes include a 1986 Pontiac Trans Am; a Larson Runabout equipped with a Mercruiser stern drive and Easyloader trailer; a 4-wheel drive Honda wagon; \$2,700 of marine electronic equipment; a \$1,000 fishing gear shopping spree and a dream trip for two to the Florida Keys.

It's important to remember that in order to win, fishermen must be officially registered with the contest. A \$20 registration fee provides the entrant with the official contest registration card and commemorative T-shirt. More than 200 outlets on both sides of Long Island Sound have contest application forms for mail-in registration and there are 10 official walk-in registration locations in Connecticut

and on Long Island. More information can be obtained by calling WICC at (203) 366-9383. The deadline for mail-in applications is August 13th.

"The Greatest Bluefish Contest on Earth" is a not-for-profit event with all proceeds from the registration fee spent on the contest itself. According to WICC, the sponsor of the contest, the event is designed to celebrate the greatness of Long Island Sound and provide fun and excitement for everyone, fishermen and observers alike.

Last year's \$10,000 fish was caught by Joseph Piccarelli of Brooklyn, N.Y. The chopper tipped the scales at 19½ pounds. The smallest of the 15 additional \$1,000 blues weighed in at just over 16½ pounds.

Last year more than 4,000 fishermen entered the contest. With good sized blues already being caught this season more contestants are expected to enter the fourth annual "Greatest Bluefish Contest on Earth!"

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The "four minute mile" of fishing was broken recently, but the ordeal lasted one hour and 20 minutes when Ruth C. Stoky from Tavernier, Florida boated a blue marlin on 8 pound test—thus becoming the first angler to ever achieve this feat in any ocean.

The fish tipped the scales at 124¼ pounds when weighed at the Hog Sty Bay station, site of "Million Dollar Month" each June in the Cayman Islands, 480 miles south of Miami.

Anglers worldwide have been seeking to accomplish this feat for years, without success, until today.

Fishing from Capt. Arthle Evans' boat "Theresa D", the small group made up of Ruth and Bob Stoky, Capt. Evans and mate Roosevelt Bodden, headed out on the fourth day of what was to be a ten day fishing holiday. They were fishing off the edge of the 12 mile bank when the marlin was sighted. The fish was baited with a rainbow runner until Ruth's 8 pound rig could be dropped back into position. Less than 90 minutes later, the fish was aboard and the first blue marlin ever taken on 8 pound test belonged to Ruth who exclaimed she felt "terrific".

Local IGFA representative Bill Rewalt officially weighed and measured the fish for world record purposes. Asked to comment he said, "This is an outstanding angling achievement—one which required the skill and team work of angler, captain and crew. No matter who breaks this record in years to come, Ruth will have always been the first."

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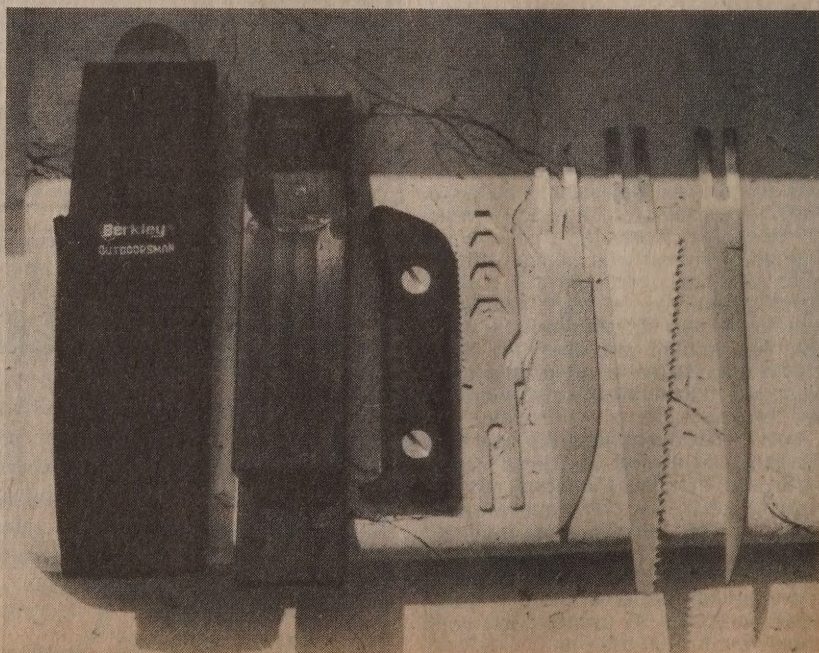
by Charley Soares

A knife is never "just" a knife especially when you need one and none to suit your purposes are close at hand. Knives are very important tools of the fisherman and boatman who may get by with a multi-purpose blade, but experience will tell you blades specifically suited to a task make any job more enjoyable. New England Fisherman Editor, Tim Coleman, has been aware of my interest and collection of cutlery and for this reason he sent me the Berkley Outdoorsman, which is a combination of blades and tools using a common handle. This unit is housed in a plastic case which is enclosed in a nylon belt type sheath which can also be mounted to a bulkhead or wall and directed at the uses of most fishermen, hunters and campers.

Over the years I've owned and used some very expensive as well as some very cheap knives. Sadly enough, some of them have met their fate at the bottom of the ocean, while others have been stepped on or used to pry hatch covers open by either thoughtless or inexperienced individuals. Why is it always the \$21.95 surgical

stainless blade with rosewood handle meets such a fate, while the \$1.29 bait knife defies all manner of abuse? So it was with some reservations I carried the Berkley aboard this spring to use for some on-board fish cleaning chores on our trailered boat. I employ Dexters in 3 sizes and blade lengths and 2 fine Swedish knives in different configurations at the cutting board on the large water-based craft, all of which have served us well. The first batch of fish to test the edge of the pliable 5 3/4 inch stainless fillet blade of the Outdoorsman were some winter flounder of which the thin sharp blade made very quick work, and did not require any touch up although it was given one before it was sheathed for the next task.

I normally reserve an old wooden handled Dexter for the difficult task of rendering the thick hides of blackfish (tautog) into fillets and lobster bait. I could have opted to use the Berkley 4 1/2 inch camp blade, but decided to see how much the fillet knife could take; so I bent to the task with the test gear. After the third fish, I forgot about the test as the comfortable



handle, which provides a very positive grip, made the task much less tiring. It was not until I had 8 of these blacks reduced to lobster bait that the blade required a touch up. I carry three good stones on board and made a few passes of the blade over the fine one to restore the edge before I returned to work. Twenty-two blacks from 4 to 7 lbs. were handled with only three sharpenings required. Not too shabby for a combination knife.

I personally ceased carrying a belt knife when I went from a trailered boat to a large pilot house model kept in a floating slip which allows me to carry more gear on board. No one should ever be without a knife on their person, so I always carry a small multi purpose Swedish stainless steel knife with very sharp blades which can make short work of a 1/2 inch nylon line if you have to extricate yourself from a problem or dangerous situation.

The Outdoorsman would be a welcome addition for many small boat owners, especially those who do not carry an on-board tool box. The combo provides a wrench tool which fits hex head nuts from 3/8-1/2 and 9/16 with a standard tip screwdriver blade and bottle opener fitted to the same tool. This tool also has a serrated side which could be used to scale fish.

Besides the fillet knife, there is a 4 1/2 inch camp or hunting blade with upswept point and a 6-1/8 saw blade. The saw blade came in handy cutting through the thick necks of the blackfish to make them more storage compact for our lobster bags, but I seriously doubt this was what the manufacturer or designer had in mind. Back at home I put the saw blade through the pruning task where it easily sawed through cherry tree branches up to 3/4" effortlessly. How many times have you wanted to remove the head from large bluefish or cod before you brought it home? This saw would perform the operation and you would not have to worry about rust.

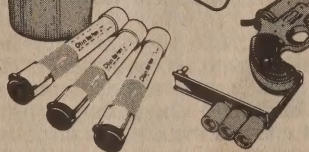
There is a belt loop on the Combo's nylon case, but I think you would feel a bit foolish wearing this on your hip. The hard plastic case, which houses the blades tightly and neatly, has provisions for being screwed to the bulkhead or cabin wall, though it would be just as much at home in your tackle or duffle bag.

Our Outdoorsman will see duty on the dory as it will be screwed to the inside of the console (you didn't think I was going to give it back to the editor, did you?) where it will be handy for the sort of tasks mentioned above. Even though we carry a small tool kit aboard the dory, the Combo with the addition of a good pair of cutting pliers with side cutters should prove all you need in most routine situations.

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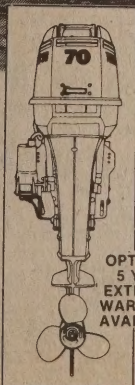
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Well, not to worry! The next time, you can perk up that pre-dinner appetizer with an assortment of tasty and memorable seafood snacks that will be talked about long after the roast and the mousse are forgotten.

Conger Eel Cocktail

The first time I savored this unusual appetizer I had been codfishing aboard a party boat. Amongst the cod, several conger eels had been caught; but instead of returning them to the sea, the boat's mates collaborated on a unique seafood cocktail. If you enjoy shrimp cocktail, you will love this!

2 lbs. conger eel fillets
2 cups catsup
1/2 cup horseradish

Cut fillets into finger-size strips. Bring a kettle of water to a boil. As soon as the water reaches a rolling boil, quickly remove kettle from heat and add conger eel strips. Let stand for about 5 minutes.

Drain eel strips and soak in a pan of ice water for about 15 minutes. Drain again and pat dry with paper toweling. In a bowl, mix catsup and horseradish until well blended. Add conger eel strips and mix gently.

Divide mixture into individual parfait glasses and chill. Serve each with a wedge of lime and a sprig of fresh parsley.

Crabby Deviled Eggs

This new approach to an old standby may rightly be termed "deviled" by some, but to me it is sheer heaven. Perhaps "angelic eggs" would be more appropriate.

12 hard boiled eggs

1 cup cooked crabmeat
2 tbsp sour cream (or plain yogurt)
1/4 tsp Dijon mustard
1/2 tsp sweet pickle relish
paprika, salt & pepper to taste

Peel and chill boiled eggs, then carefully cut each egg in half, lengthwise. Gently remove yolks and set hollowed-out white halves aside.

Break up yolks in a mixing bowl using fork tines or pastry blender. Crumble crabmeat into the yolks. Add sour cream (or yogurt), Dijon mustard, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly. Blend in pickle relish.

Spoon crab mixture into hollows of the 24 egg white halves (if you have a pastry bag, squeeze mixture into wells for a more decorative touch). Dust with paprika. Chill before serving.

Honey Togs in Peanut Sauce

Blackfish lends itself well to many modes of cooking. In this snack, the contrasting flavors of honey and peanut butter add a new dimension to blackfish enjoyment.

2 lbs. blackfish fillets
2 eggs
1/2 cup honey
juice of 1/2 lemon
2 tbsp hot water
2 cups flour
cooking oil (enough for deep frying)
Sauce:
2 cups of chicken stock
dash of ginger
2 tbsp honey
s squirt of Tabasco
1 cup peanut butter

Heat oil in a skillet. Mix honey, lemon juice and hot water in a bowl. Beat eggs in another bowl and spread flour on a plate. Cut blackfish fillets into bite size pieces. Dip fillets first in honey mixture, then in eggs, then roll in flour until completely coated. Fry fillets in hot oil until golden brown on both sides. Drain on paper toweling.

To prepare sauce, heat chicken stock in a small pan. Add ginger, honey and Tabasco and heat to just before boiling. Remove pan from heat and whip in peanut butter. Transfer

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Crunchy Crab Nuggets

Don't throw out the oil from the last recipe! And save some of the peanut sauce. These tasty gems and the fillets from the last recipe compliment each other nicely.

2 cups cooked crabmeat
2 eggs
1 cup bread crumbs
1 tsp finely minced onion
1 tsp finely minced celery
1/2 cup blanched walnut meat
salt & pepper to taste
cooking oil (enough for deep frying)

Mix thoroughly crabmeat, eggs, bread crumbs, onion, celery, salt, pepper and walnut meat. Heat oil in a skillet. Moisten hands and shape crab mixture into balls about the size of walnuts. Fry crab balls in hot oil until brown on all sides. Drain on paper toweling.

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Baked Clams Supreme

Once you try these overstuffed treasures of the sea, you'll never go back to the conventional method of preparing baked clams.

4 slices bacon
12 chowder clams (large size)
2 cups of 1 or more of the following:
crabmeat, lobster, shrimp,
oysters
1 cup bread crumbs
2 eggs, separated
1/4 tsp poultry seasoning
1 tbsp fresh parsley, chopped fine
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 tbsp grated cheese
1 tbsp butter, softened
salt & pepper to taste

Fry bacon crisp. Drain on paper toweling, crumble and set aside.

Shuck clams without cracking shells. Set both top and bottom halves of shells aside. Chop clam meat coarsely and put into a mixing bowl. Chop other seafood (crab, lobster, shrimp and/or oysters) coarsely and add to clams. Add crumbled bacon.

Add bread crumbs, egg yolks (no whites), poultry seasoning, parsley, garlic, grated cheese, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly.

Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form (use a hand beater or electric mixer; high speed blenders and food processors will not work). Fold stiffened egg whites into clam mixture. Do not overmix!

Scrub clam shells clean and arrange on a large baking sheet. Brush inside of clam shells with softened butter. Evenly distribute clam and seafood mixture into clam shells. Bake in a preheated oven at at 375 degrees for about 20 minutes. Transfer baking sheet with clams from oven to broiler and broil for about 2 minutes, just enough to sear. Serve with lemon wedges and Tabasco.

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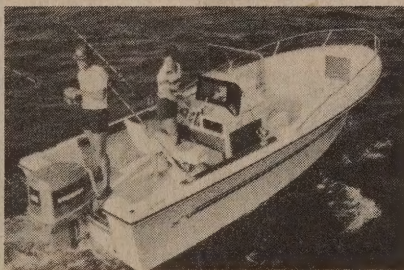


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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

I have subscribed to *The Fisherman* for about four years. And first off, thanks for a great column. It's one of the highlights of the magazine.

I have one problem living here in the outer boonies of Vermont. I have tried for about 2 years to get materials for a jetty gaff featured in an article by Brion Babbit a couple of years back (someday I'll wind up swimming off the Menemsha jetty). Where can one get 1/2 inch ID aluminum rod (tubular)? I've tried to have it special ordered to no avail. I guess it would be of help if some of the guys who write "How-To" articles could list sources for materials.

Thanks for any help and keep up the good work. Before I forget, is there a Florida edition of *The Fisherman*?

Gene R. Granger.

Dear Gene,

Stop at a local electric supply house. They usually carry aluminum conduit which can be used for making a suitable gaff handle for jetty fishing.

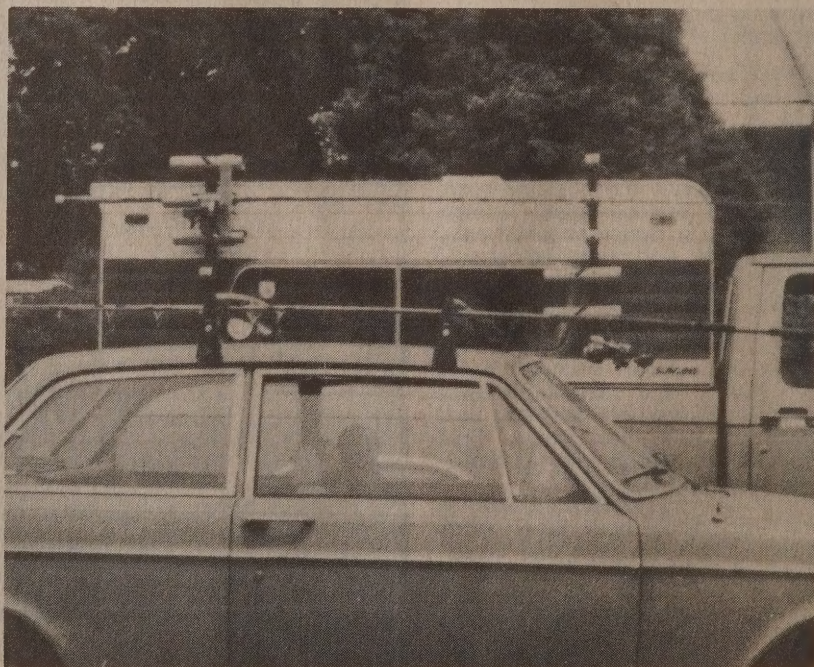
I thoroughly agree that we should include a list of component parts when publishing a how-to article. In

the future it will be a requirement to all writers who submit such articles to *The Fisherman*.

At the present time, there is no Florida edition. And, if there should be one, I'll probably be standing in line to grab the job of editor so I can get back to those fabulous fishing grounds in the Sunshine State.

Dear Doc,

Thanks for the article *Rod Carriers for Your Roof Top* (April 24, 1986). I built a set of these carriers using that design and a few modifications. The rack is great, but I'm not satisfied with my rod tip tie-downs. I use bunji cords since I can't locate the stainless steel spring clips anywhere. Can you by chance point me to a source. I've tried everywhere I can think. An enhancement that we added was to make the wooden base of the rack double thick so that you easily lift off the rod carrying apparatus and have a set of flat roof top carriers; a truly multi-purpose set. Perhaps you can also settle a long standing dispute. Should rods be carried tip forward or butt forward on top of a vehicle? And



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why? I've heard several defenses of each method and would appreciate your expertise. Thanks for the help.

R.D. Elder.

Dear R.D.,

The question as to which way roof top rods should be carried is strictly a matter of personal choice. We've always carried our roof top rods butt forward so the tips do not bounce quite as badly as when the rods are pointing forward. Some of the regulars who fish the local jetties or do their casting from the surf feel the exact opposite system offers greater protection to the rod tips since they cannot come in contact with anything that might cause a tip to fracture.

Both systems have assets and liabilities. With the tips facing forward you allow them to whip as the auto or truck hits potholes or other roadway obstructions. And, when the rods are placed in the rack butt forward, you have the problem of the tips hanging off the end of the vehicle.

Those spring clips you request should be readily available at any marine outlet or most electronic stores that cater to people who make their own equipment such as radios and stereos. You might try your local Radio Shack.

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Dear Doc,

My fishing partner had to retire from fishing this past winter. He gave me all his tackle. Enclosed were numerous bucktails of various colors. I only use white. I tried bleaching them but the bleach ate the hair. Do you know of a chemical I could buy to get them white? Alexander Kupazyn.

Dear Alexander,

Fred Schrier of the Mai Tai Lure Company, 17 Green Twig Dr., Toms River, NJ 08753, suggests trying RIT fabric dye. Schrier does not guarantee consistency in the dye process, but said that is the way many home crafters get their bucktails to take on the various colors.

Most commercial bucktail suppliers have their own special dye formula and will not divulge it to the general public. They do, of course, use some chemicals when getting those bright reds and yellows, but the RIT should do a passable job for the person who is only coloring a few bucktails for his personal use.

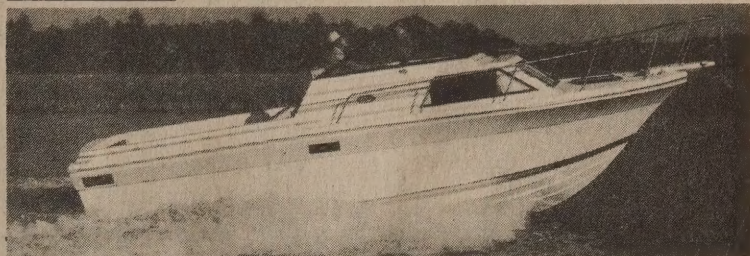
White is the natural color. Why dye it at all? You probably can use the bucktail as is. Any bleaching substance will most certainly cause the hair to break down. If those old bucktails are too discolored, I suggest you re-tie them with new hair. Or, if you don't want to go through the trouble of re-tying, go bluefishing and let them chop off the hair and then re-tie new bucktail onto the leadheads.

Some days the fish will jump all over a red, black, blue, green or yellow bucktail, so don't be too hasty in changing your entire stock. You might be the loser for it.

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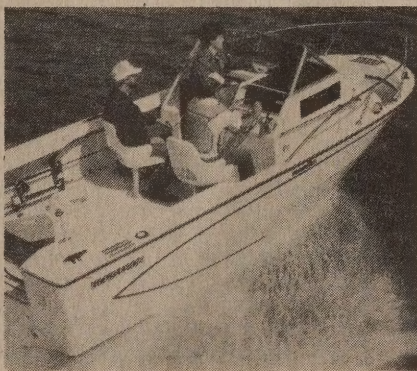
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ATLANTIC WRECK SERIES:

THE LINDA

by John Raguso

This week's story rivals a good spy thriller "who done it?" for its suspense. There are more than a few wreck historians and divers out there who think that the wooden remains of a two or three masted schooner that sits in 130 to 135 feet of water southeast of Fire Island Inlet are those of the fabled "phantom schooner" that rammed and sank the steamship Oregon back in 1886.

This story is similar to the controversy that surrounds the wreck of the Sommerstad, known locally as the Virginia wreck, which we covered in the Atlantic Wreck Series just a few weeks ago. Many divers had been down on this wooden schooner, probing its skeleton for any viable clue that will contribute to its real identity, but no one has come up with the one conclusive piece of provenance that will put the questions to rest. The wooden schooner goes by the local moniker of the Linda wreck and from divers' reports is an old wooden coal vessel which is relatively intact and sitting upright on the sandy ocean floor. By her construction and brass pins, the Linda is a ship that sailed in the period when the Oregon

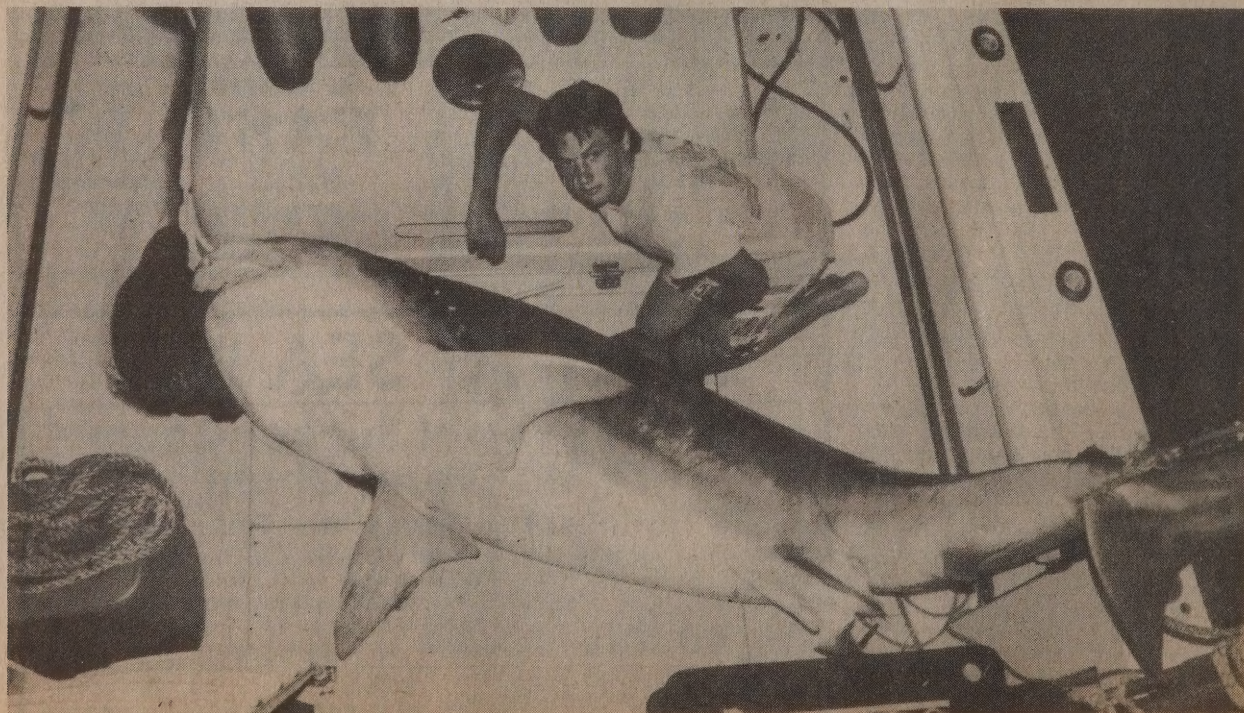
was sunk back in 1886 and we're going to go under the assumption that she is, in fact the Charles H. Morse and offer some supporting evidence to that effect.

Let's go back in time now to some eyewitness accounts that describe in detail the collision of the Morse and the Oregon that fateful morning back on March 14, 1886. The following account is from the Oregon's master, a Captain Philip Cottier, as reported to the New York Times: "We were steaming westward somewhere south of Fire Island at about 19 knots. We had fine weather all the way across and the weather was clear as 4:30 o'clock Sunday morning the 14th of March, with a fresh breeze coming up from the west. Suddenly, a large sailing vessel loomed up into view. When I first noticed, she showed no light, but when she was close to clear, she showed a white light. I cannot say on what part of her. The Oregon was running under a full head of steam, and the schooner struck us amidships and stove a big hole in the port side.

"The vessel that ran into us must have sunk immediately, as when we looked, she was not in sight. She must

have gone down with all hands on board. When I found out that the Oregon was sinking, I took the necessary steps to save our passengers. All the watertight compartments were closed at the time, but the water still seeped from compartment to compartment, sealing her fate. The Oregon stayed afloat and drifted for about 8 hours after the collision, going down at approximately 12:45 PM in 21 fathoms of water."

It is interesting that Captain Cottier gave the official account of the sinking to the New York Times reporter, since he was not on the bridge at the time of the occurrence. According to a Mr. Matthews, the Oregon's chief officer in charge of the bridge, he added the following account to the last hours of the Oregon and the Robert H. Morse: "I came on watch at 4AM Sunday morning, and it was dark but tolerably clear. The fourth officer was on the port side of the bridge with me and three men were acting as lookouts on the bridge, besides others on the forecastle and one on the promenade deck. The first intimation we had of an approaching vessel was a bright light on the port bow, which appeared



Jamie Coane is dwarfed by the 600 pound tiger shark taken over the Linda last August.

to be held up and then darkened. We thought it was a pilot boat's light, and put the helm hard a port. The fourth officer saw the light at the same time. There were no other lights seen. When the helm was put to port, the schooner had not changed her course, nor did she when the collision took place. I could not see her masts or sails until she was on the point of striking. After the collision, the order was given to stop all engines. Since the Oregon was coming around all the time, we tried to see what became of the schooner but did not see her. The captain came on the bridge as soon as he heard the ship's engineer's telegraph. No communication was made with the schooner and she undoubtedly sunk quickly as the sea was by no means calm when the schooner struck us."

Other eyewitness accounts describe the phantom schooner as a deep-laden, three-master vessel. Passengers on the Oregon told of hearing the despairing cries of the Charles H. Morse's crew as she settled and sank in the freezing March waters. Even if some of the schooner's crew happened to survive the collision, the mid 30 degree water temperatures would show no mercy, with a quick death via hypothermia being the only recourse, hence their desperate cries of fatal realization.

So let's presume for the moment that the "Linda" wreck is the actualization of the phantom schooner Charles H. Morse. How is it that the wrecks lie approximately 10 nautical miles apart?

We know from last year's story on the Oregon that her Loran C position is 26453.2/43676.5. The Linda's/Morse's coordinates at 26507.5/43600.9 place her resting spot about 10 miles southwest of where the Oregon sits on the sea bed floor. Let's acknowledge that the Charles H. Morse's position is the collision point and that the schooner went down immediately at that location. We know from the eyewitness stories that the Oregon drifted for about 8 hours after the collision, and that at the time the wind and seas were freshening from the west. In order for the Oregon to get from the collision point to her final coordinates, she would have had to drift at 1.25 nautical miles per hour to the northeast for a period of 8 hours—certainly a believable hypothesis considering the effect of a west wind and an undetermined current flow on a powerless hull.

Newsday's Nick Karas had a piece in his column a few years back that mentioned the possible connection between the Linda wreck and the Charles H. Morse. There was also a piece in Skin Diver Magazine that spoke of the possible bridge between the two vessels. Whether or not the Linda is one and the same with the Charles H. Morse, it is certain that the Morse is the vessel that rammed the Oregon. According to ship historian Eric Garay, the New York Maritime Register report dated

THE LINDA Vital Statistics

Length (estimated): 200 feet

Beam (estimated): 40 feet

Displacement: Unknown

Vessel Type: Schooner

Hull Construction: Wood

Hull Condition: Intact and upright in sand.

Hull Attitude: Bow faces NW/Stern faces SE

Lat/Lon Position: 40-22.43 N/73-00.00 W

Loran C Positon: 26507.5/43600.9

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Rockaway Inlet	44.1	116°	296°
Sandy Hook	46.5	111°	291°
Shark River Inlet	47.4	089°	269°
Manasquan Inlet	50.0	084°	264°

March 31, 1886 concludes that this schooner was the probable vessel involved in the collision with the Oregon. The Morse was reported "missing" the day of the accident, and one of her lifeboats was found damaged and drifting the day after the collision, approximately 35 miles east of Sandy Hook. This puts the Morse in the correct geography to be considered the prime candidate. The lifeboat was picked up by a Captain McKown of the vessel Henry Morganthau, and was positively identified as the yawl from the Charles H. Morse. In any event, it certainly makes for an interesting story.

From a fishing perspective, the Linda/Morse is in a unique spot and gets a lot of attention from both the pelagic species and various groundfish. We have always considered the Linda to be an excellent wreck for shark fishing as the season progresses and the fish move into shallower water. In August of last year, we made about 6 to 7 trips to the wreck for shark drifts and never came away without at least a little excitement. We tagged and released 15 brown sharks during this period in addition to scoring with a 120 lb. mako. The highlights of the year were the 600 lb. tiger shark Brightwaters angler Jamie Coane boated in late August, and the estimated 600 lb. tiger shark that Oceanside fisherman Mike Clancy lost only two days later. So you see by empirical research that the wreck produces.

On a current note, Lindenhurst angler Dave Levin made a few trips to the Linda's shadows the second week

of July of this year and he tagged and released two brown sharks each trip, along with a 40 lb. mako that was also tagged to live another day. A residual benefit to fishing this area were a mess of bonito and skipjack tuna that Dave trolled up on Jap feathers and cedar plugs. I made a sortie to the Linda on the July 4th weekend to get some updated graph recordings for my files and we printed some fairly dense schools of fish on either end of the wreck. My fishing companions were convinced that the fish were massive schools of monster bergalls, but I disagreed vehemently. To settle the argument, we positioned the boat to drift over the Linda and when the wreck's silhouette began to print on the computer graph, I dropped down an 8 oz. diamond jig and proceeded to jig up a small codfish. You should have seen the look on my companions' faces as the debate was settled in a most convincing manner!

Depending on the time of year, you can catch a range of groundfish on the Linda, with cod, blackfish, sea bass and pollock being part of the anticipated fare. If you are seeking the pelagics, you'll come across various species of shark, depending on the month and water temperature, as well as the ever present bluefish, schools of football tuna (false albacore, bonito and skipjack), schoolie bluefin tuna in the 25 to 50 lb. range and an occasional white marlin.

Next week, we're going to cruise to an inshore spot just outside of Jones Inlet to investigate the turn-of-the-century sinking of the famous "tea" wreck: the Acara.

LOOKING BACK ON THOSE FIRST FLUKE

by Matt Ahern

Anyone who has been writing a weekly fishing column for over 12 years, as I have for *The Fisherman*, will find that such work does indeed generate much daily correspondence. Not that I'm complaining, mind you. It's what keeps me going, you might say, for I make it a point to answer every letter to my best ability.

The majority of letters are from old-timers who shared those wondrous days I often write about. If at any time I've had qualms that perhaps I've been gilding the lily in my enthusiasm, that maybe I've been heavy handed with the trowel, I can rest easy.

Some enthusiastic correspondents tell me they can remember even better fishing than I write about, that indeed, I am not going far enough in my endeavor to bring to light what greed and mismanagement has accomplished. And because of this, some letter writers are indeed bitter. In such cases, I can do nothing but write back and attempt to placate these disgruntled fishermen. I certainly share their concern.

Many letters come from fishermen just starting out in the fishing life. Most are from youngsters who are amazed at the good fishing that existed 'way back when. And do you know something, fellers? You'd be surprised at how many ladies have taken up fishing now that their families have grown and find time hangs heavy. Some of my best letters come from husbands and wives who are "fishing nuts" and fish together every spare minute they get. (You can bet such folks will never see the inside of a divorce court.) One guy "complained" because his wife is a worse fishing nut than he is. Lucky, lucky guys!

A great many readers tell me they've only taken an interest in fishing since retirement from the endless grind of earning their daily bread. These are often the saddest letters of all. Without fail, these fishermen have a deep desire to "kick themselves" when they realize what they've been missing all their lives. To a man, their one complaint is: "Why, oh why, didn't I start sooner!"

Then there are letters from readers who ask for specific articles. "How about something on old-time codfishing, Matt?" Or there might be requests for old-time articles on sea bass, porgies, blackfish, even repeats of stories written years before when I

was writing a once a month old-timers column.

Because we are deep into summer, I find requests for stories on old-time fluke fishing on the increase. So, with that in mind, perhaps it's time to do another. I've already written something similar, so if you recall these incidents, please take it like the good sport I know you are, for there

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are many new readers joining our ranks everyday.

My first party boat fluke fishing attempt was made in the late 20s. At the time, just about all the fluke fishing engaged in by local party boat patrons was done off Sandy Hook. Here was a fluke fisherman's paradise! No matter how many party, charter and private boats fished that area on a daily basis, there seemed to be no let up in the fluke supply. It wasn't until years later that I fished such spots as Roamer Shoals, Coney Island and the Rockaways. When I was a kid, if you wanted all the fluke you could handle, Sandy Hook was the place to fish.

At the time of that first trip, I didn't know beans about fluke fishing. I didn't even know a fluke leader was necessary—that's how dumb I was! And being a shy knee-pants kid, I foolishly hesitated to ask for advice. And because I always had great success with ling every time I went out, I could see no reason why the same rig-up would not work on fluke. I didn't have sense enough to check

what the other fishermen were using. (I must have been blind, too.) Even so, with all that against me, I managed to snag seven nice fluke with that ling rig before what I was doing wrong came to the attention of the skipper.

I remember he stopped before me and said: "Just what do you think you're doing, sonny? You'll never catch fluke like that." With that pride which goeth before a fall, I showed him the seven fluke lying in my butter tub. "That's no catch, son," he said. "It took you almost three hours to catch those fish. Look what these other fishermen have."

Which was true enough. With machine-like precision, those other fishermen were lifting fluke over the rail one after the other. Down—up. Down—up. I shrugged my shoulders in resignation. The skipper handed me a three foot leader, complete with a 4/0 Sproat hook. "Here," he said. "Put this on."

From then on, I was in business. I caught 17 fluke that day, which, I found out later, was only fair for a beginner on a good fluke fishing day.

By the early 30s I was a mate aboard that fluke fishing boat, the old *Rose R II* out of Canarsie. This was the heyday of great fluke fishing.

Everyday when the season was at its height, which was sometime in mid-July, three or four of us fellows would get together and fill (most times, that is) a 55 gallon drum with fluke. And it takes a lot of fluke to fill such a container! These fish were never large, averaging about 1½ to 2 lbs. Usually sometime during the day one of us would nail a five or six pounder. The passenger's pool fish would usually run from 9 to 11 lbs. On occasion, a pool winner would be a fish of 12 lbs., or better. We fellows who fished together also decked fish like these at times, but not too often.

This fishing would continue through July and into August (June produced no fluke at all off Sandy Hook). But when September arrived, the fish would leave almost overnight for the offshore wrecks and the deep offshore grounds.

Before I leave this Sandy Hook fishing, I want to say this: not everyday reaped a bonanza. We had our share of slow days, too. The least amount of fluke I caught on one of these days was four; most poor days produced an average of 10 or 12 fish per fisherman.

We rarely fished fluke after August but instead devoted our time to fall porgy fishing. At times, though, the skipper would get a hunch and we would fish the Sea Bright pound nets that jutted into the open sea. The fluke we caught there were all good sized, with a 3 pounder considered small.

This particular fishing was usually done on a day when few passengers were aboard and the boat could be maneuvered for stern fishing. Drifting so close to the nets made for precarious fishing and because of this a bit of danger was involved. To compensate, the engine was always kept running in case a large sea should move us into the net (sometimes we were only about 10 feet away). We never caught many fluke here when compared to July and August's Hook fishing, but no one ever complained. It wasn't unusual for someone to come up with a 15 pounder. I was never that lucky, I'm sorry to say.

One more thing about this pound net fishing and we'll call it quits.

One morning on our way to the area, the skipper called me to the wheel house. We still had a half mile or so to go. His face held a grim look. "Look ahead toward the nets and tell me what you see."

I looked. "The sea seems to be all silver. It's fair shining."

"Uh-huh. Right. And do you know where that shine comes from?"

I shook my head, no.

"The trap men are cleaning out their nets of unwanted fish. Those are baby porgies you see. All dead and floating belly-up."

Sure enough. And as we approached the area, our bow ploughed through acres and acres of dead young porgies, some no more than four inches long. So thick were these dead fish, there had to be millions.

"This is the price we must pay in today's commercial world, and I guess there's not much we can do about it. These trap men certainly have a right to work at what they want—just as you and I. But," the skipper continued, "if this waste continues, we will all pay. This has been going on for years, every late summer season. Not only here, but up and down the whole coast. How long can it continue? Marty, I wanted you to see it before we get there. And I want you to remember it. Some day we'll reach the point of no return—and when we do... well. I may not see it in my time, but you certainly will."

That was 55 years ago. Was my good friend, the skipper, right? I think so, for today at times when porgy fishing seems nonexistent, it doesn't take much for me to recall that dire prediction.

I must apologize. I started out telling you about old-time fluke fishing, and I got side-tracked. Perhaps this porgy business, and other so similar sad tales are the reason for those bitter old-timers mentioned earlier. For surely, they've seen it too.

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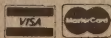
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CASTING A VOTE FOR LOW WATER

by John Fritz

Every angler who spends any length of time in pursuit of his sport, soon recognizes the fact that specific locations harbor greater quantities of responsive game fish at certain stages of the tide. The reasons for this are varied, but generally they are directly related to the physical characteristics of the area. Some are unfishable except at flood tide; others are dangerous unless the ebb is nearing completion. Little Neck Bay, for instance, is one location where high water is critical to the shore fisherman. There are a number of local areas though where better fishing can be had during periods of low water. To compound matters slightly, conditions might change over the course of a season requiring an adjustment in tactics, a peculiarity common on the sand beaches weathered by the

ocean.

The method and equipment needed to catch fish may differ considerably from one stage of the tide to the next. An angler familiar with his local beach is aware of what is necessary to ensure success. I will try to offer a few thoughts on this matter, which may be of benefit to someone traveling to a new area or help if your catch is not what it should be.

Of major concern to anyone venturing into unknown waters is safety. Some jetties are fishable only at low water and even those, that are considered safe at any tide, are less dangerous after the tide has dropped somewhat. This factor does not hinder a jetty jockey's efforts to fish for the most popular jetties are built along the shores of inlets, areas recognized as producing better results on the ebb

tide. This, in conjunction with the time adjustment between high water and the start of the ebb tide, provides a built-in safety factor for the jetty fisherman. Some thought should be given to the opposite end of the tide, with the current still flowing seaward while the water level is already rising. In Fire Island Inlet the computed time adjustment is 2 hours and 50 minutes, a considerable amount of time and one that can be advanced or retarded by an exceptionally strong wind or a particular phase of the moon.

A long handled gaff is an integral part of a jetty jockey's equipment, as are cleated soles on his boots. A casual angler, venturing onto a dry, flat topped jetty may get by with little in the way of special gear. This same angler, confronted with 6 to 8 feet of

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slime covered rocks before he can reach the water, now faces a dilemma.

In a similar fashion, it is possible for an angler to beach his share of fish from the tip of the Cedar Bar, while arrayed in short boots. Even though this may be adequate at high water, an angler so equipped will be hard pressed to keep pace with the regulars after the tide has fallen. On occasion, even waders and top are insufficient to contend with those fishermen wearing wet suits. This is a prime example where the locals prefer to fish the bottom of the tide, a time when it is possible to wade the flats to reach the very edge of the channel. Stationary positions are rarely maintained, with casters following the receding tide seaward and retreating as the incoming water floods the shallow bar.

One other classic example, where surfmen working an inlet are dependent on low water, can be seen on the north shore in the Nissequogue River. Here, also, the outer edges of this hazardous sand bar can be traversed safely only on lower stages of the tide.

With all that has previously been written in regard to fishing low water in the inlet areas, the simple fact remains that more fish are taken then, than at any other time. In conjunction with the advantage the surf fisherman gains by being able to move about the exposed flats, the full rush of the seaward flow washes myriads of bait in its flow, whetting the appetites of the predator species and drawing them closer to the beach. Rips and eddies are accentuated, concentrating the game fish in specific locations. If the angler is able to discern these potentially productive features, his chance of success is greatly enhanced.

The nearby shores, influenced by the ebb and flow through the inlet, are also regarded as low water beaches. While the benefits of the interaction in the inlets decreases the further one travels down the open beach, there remains sufficient appeal to draw fish from the more barren sectors of the ocean.

The vulnerable sand beaches of the oceanfront are subject to the whims of nature. Wind and sea fashion it at will, seemingly to erase what was so artfully created one day, in a fit of pique the next. When the shoreline features a sharp incline, yawning sluiceways, parallel and close to the shore, or deep pockets gouged out a tormented coast, flood tide provides the opportunity for timid game fish to lurk virtually at one's feet. At times, certain sections of our south shore beaches exhibit such character, but when compared to the outer beaches of Cape Cod, they leave much to be desired. Frequently our oceanfront is fringed by a close-in parallel sand bar, separated from land by a minor trough. Except when pushed by a brisk onshore wind, the fish tend to linger along the seaward lip of this bar, a zone at the outer limits of a good cast. This extreme range is

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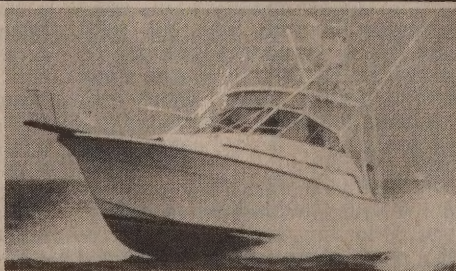


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much more fatiguing to the angler, straining for the optimum distance with each cast. Even then, it takes only a few cranks of the handle before the lure is skipping through the shallows of the bar, the remainder of the retrieve is an exercise in futility.

During the lower stages of the tide, it becomes possible to wade across this trough. Once the rise of the bar is reached, it is a simple matter to plug the opposite side. It is now also possible to move sideways along this ridge, barely getting your feet wet. When approaching a breach in the bar, an area which should be plugged methodically, use caution, for in most cases the bar slopes sharply at this point. The depth of the trough is usually not that great, 2 to 4 feet on an average, but the rush of water pushing seaward can give an unwary angler some anxious moments.

The custom of plugging the outer lip of this bar is a technique practiced to perfection by knowledgeable surfmen using a variety of swimming plugs. A lure often disregarded along the generally turbulent south shore beaches. In addition, baitfishermen, whether it be tossing sandworms or slinging eels, can be found taking positions along the outer bar. Here they can be found, with their oversized sand spikes and their pouches packed with extra bait and spare terminal gear.

Extensive, shallow flats are generally considered the bane of surf fishermen. In some areas, though, access to these flats is critical to the success of any fishing venture. Even though equally productive trips can be experienced on either extreme of tide in the western portions of Sunken Meadow, Staten Islanders, fishing the Cement Barge, west of Great Kills Harbor, wait till the tide has bottomed out. At that time, they begin their several hundred yard journey seaward until they are almost indistinguishable objects on the horizon. Anglers working the Oakwood Bogs, a short distance away on the opposite side of the harbor, also prefer low water. With murky water usually greeting the prospective fisherman, the footing across this pockmarked bog is tricky at best. With the bog high and dry it is then an easy matter to work the depths beyond the outer lip.

Traveling eastward to the extreme tip of Long Island, there can be found a contingent of wet suited anglers plugging the night tides. If questioned, those working Montauk's North and False Bars would unquestionably reply that they choose to fish these areas towards the bottom of the ebb.

A belief, ingrained in the minds of most shorebound fishermen, is that the further one pushes off the beach the more successful he will become. In many instances, this theory will prove to be correct, but it is a philosophy which cannot be followed when one is confined to a narrow strip of shore by a flood tide.



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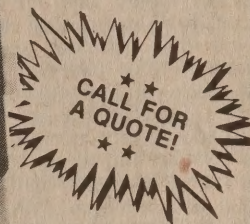
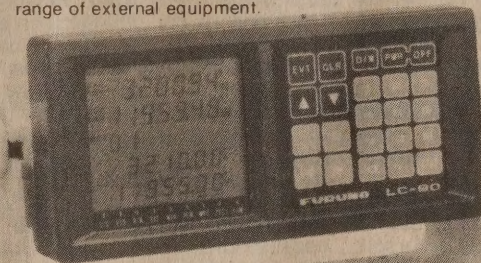
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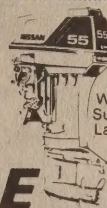
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DOCKSIDE SURPRISE

by Brian Mulholland

Big blues manage to catch Huntington Harbor anglers by surprise each summer.

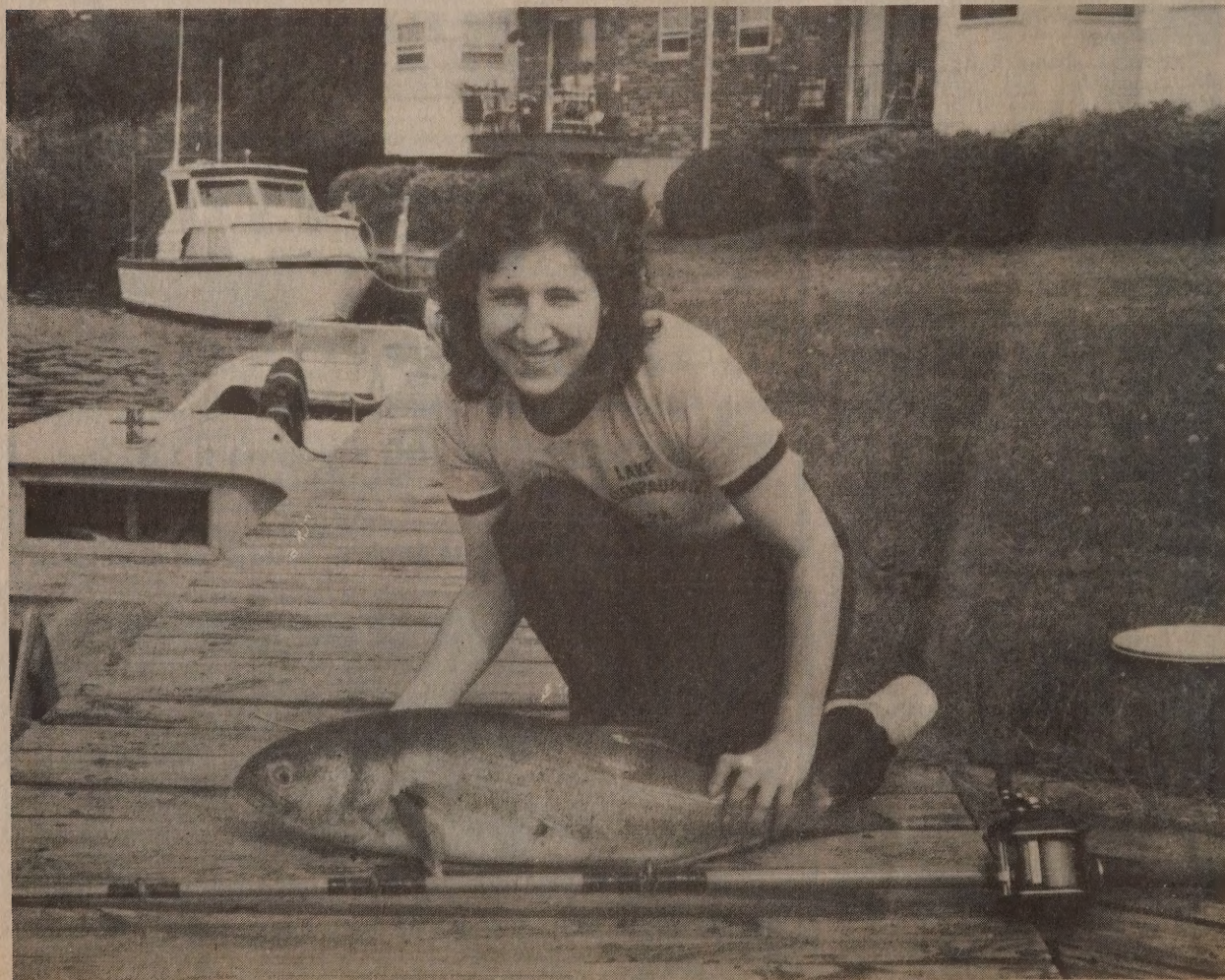
People who fish steadily are occasionally surprised by events that they could have handled if they were prepared. The weather surprises everyone, but once you've frozen in cold rain a few times you learn to bring the foul weather gear, and to accept the necessity of last minute cancellations. If you miss fish that were available because they weren't what you expected, you learn to carry an extra outfit rigged with a jig, or whatever else seems appropriate. Now and then, something comes by that leaves you frozen with astonishment. Sometimes you wind up kicking yourself later and wondering why you didn't make better use of an unusual opportunity.

I took my wife down to the Huntington Town Dock in Halesite one nice September morning for a day's party boat bluefishing. We had just come back from vacation and were ending our holiday with a day's bluefishing on the *Ever Ready II*. Since Labor Day was already two weeks past, I thought the boat would not be crowded, and accordingly was in no hurry to arrive early. Since the sailing time was scheduled for 8AM, we got there at 7:30a.m.

I knew I'd been wrong as soon as we arrived at the Halesite Dock, because the boat was full. But there was a great deal of activity going on, and as I opened the trunk to pull out the ice chest, I realized that bluefish

were being flung over the edge of the pier by anglers on the boat and fishing from the dock around it.

A school of huge bluefish, the biggest I've ever seen, had suddenly appeared in this corner of Huntington Harbor. They were pursuing bunker, not an unusual event at this time of year, into these shallow waters. People spending the weekend on their cabin cruisers and sailboats were peering around in astonishment at the sight of bluefish being swung past their heads by excited anglers, both those on the boat and the snapper buffs on the pier. Of the two, the fishermen from the boat were much better off. They had come equipped with substantial jigging and casting



Roseann Mulholland with a big blue taken inside Huntington Harbor.

tackle appropriate to fall bluefish, whereas some of the dock anglers were equipped for nothing bigger than snappers or small flounder. Both sets of fishermen were jumping back and forth between the dock and the Ever Ready, where Captain Billy Collins was grinning with enthusiasm while gaffing large fish for anglers right and left.

At a moment like this, you should get your line in the water, but I didn't. I left the wife and tackle and put the car in a parking space behind a local hardware store, a space used by Ever Ready customers and missed much of the action. Getting the ice chest and tackle box on board used up the rest of the time before sailing and I wasn't able to get a line wet until we left the dock.

Captain Collins brought the Ever Ready around to fish these outsized blues, and I found I had tackle troubles as well. The Newell 229F had frozen (showing poor maintenance on my part), so I had to use a backup outfit. But as a latecomer to the crowded boat, I'd gotten wedged under a small bridge overhang where casting was difficult. Casting with a heavy PacificStik and a steel spool Jigmaster was difficult. I spent more of the day picking out backlashes than jigging. While we circled the fish, my wife took a bluefish that eight hours later weighed 13 lbs., her best of the season.

The boat fished the big blues for awhile, but then the fish dispersed into waters too shallow for the Ever-Ready to follow. Jigging outside the harbor seemed anti-climatic after such a roaring start, although some of the fish taken outside were of decent size, too. The pool was an 11 1/2 lb. blue; all the fish taken in the harbor area were excluded from consideration.

Just how big were those fish? I brought my frozen Newell to George Valentine at Four Winds Bait and Tackle immediately after the trip. While I was there, two other fellows came by to weigh their bluefish, both taken before the Ever Ready had left the dock. Both fish weighed better than 20 lbs. and this was at least 8 or 9 hours after they'd been gaffed. Allowing a pound or two for dehydration and blood loss, the live weight of these fish was probably 22 to 23 lbs.—an outrageously big blue in anyone's book.

Morals of the story? When the fish turn up, fish and worry about everything else later. Don't miss a good shot because the fish turn up out of schedule. Bring back-up tackle with which you can cast, because casting ability is the key to competent blue-fishing on crowded party boats. It matters most while fishing in shallow waters; you've got to be able to get away from the boat a bit. An aluminum spool on the Jigmaster would have helped a lot. When the fish are active, get a line in the water. I'd happily spend the price of a parking ticket for a 20 pound bluefish. Wouldn't you?

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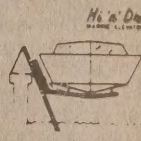


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DOG DAY CARP

by Vincent Badame

When the summer doldrums settle in, it's time for anglers to look elsewhere for action.

Since I was drafted into the "dough ball club" some 25 years ago, I've never complained one bit about it. When summer's dog days roll around and my bones are tired from continuous assaults by waves crashing against me in the surf, one thing I do enjoy is carp fishing. And I still haven't burned my club card yet!

Back in the early 60s (precisely 1962), Brooklyn's Prospect Park with Abraham and Strauss' Fishing Derby was the site for every father and son team to possibly win cash or rod/reel prizes for the largest species of each fish that were in the lake at that time. The biggest fish in that water was the German carp.

Some anglers never had the chance of landing these huge fish as they would pop anglers' rods or lines as excited youngsters tried to drag the fish ashore. Even if you waded in to grab the hooked fish, many fathers were knocked off their feet by the charging carp. We are talking about carp that reached 40 pounds!

Inexperienced anglers who hooked these beasts had only small trout nets to land them. Have you ever tried to put a net over some big dog? Now you know the feeling of using trout nets on large carp.

As in Prospect Park Lake, many other ponds and lakes on Long Island, in Westchester, and in the Metro area, have big carp in residence. New York City's Flushing/Willow Lakes in Queens, Mott Creek Pond in North Woodmere, and Smith's Pond in Hempstead all have carp over 20 lbs.

To catch carp here, your bait can be corn kernels or yellow corn meal mixed with maple syrup or strawberry gelatin. Carp have a fantastic sense of smell and the syrup draws them like flies.

Have plenty made so that you can chum with some to gather carp into your area. Just as in flounder chumming, spread your chum close to shore. Often, I'll chum the day before fishing so the carp will be there already.

Your tackle can either be spinning or baitcasting filled with 200 yards of 8 lb. mono. Use 12 lb. if the lake is full of weed growth so you can turn the fish before it breaks off in the cover. Rods should have enough backbone to turn fish too. A bass rod of 6 to 7 feet would be ideal. Remember, you are going to hook up with fish near or over 20 lbs.



Corn kernels make a very effective carp bait.

Big carp fight like big stripers or weakfish and they do not give up easily if it's a large fish. Set your drag at about three pounds so when the fish takes line (some command 40 or more yards on a run) it doesn't pop your line. As more line comes off the reel, the drag increases. Do not set the drag near breaking strength of the monofilament. In the middle of a big carp run, your reel's drag will pop your line and lose your fish.

If I use corn or cornmeal, my hook is a #10 beak or Eagle claw. Too many carp anglers use treble hooks which are hard to remove from fish. If a carp swallows the hook, it's easy to remove. Just put a branch or stick about 12 inches long by a half inch thick all the way into the carp's gut. Wrap the hook's leader around the stick 8 times. Grab the stick (hand over wrapped leader) and twist in the same direction you originally wrapped the leader. The hook will twist free and embed its point into the stick.

Catfish trotliners remove gut hooks like this. Also tie hook directly to the line without any sinkers or hardware.

There are many different ways to bait your hooks. With corn, thread 8 kernels up the hook's leader and cover the hook itself with two big kernels. This is what we carpers call a "corn necklace."

Cornmeal has to be cooked in a pot over low flames. Keep scraping the cornmeal off the pot's sides so it doesn't burn as carp will not touch burned cornmeal and molding the stuff is impossible. Cornmeal has to come out like putty to mold right. Place in a plastic bag to keep it moist.

Bait size depends on the size of fish present. Start off with nickel sized balls if you're not sure. Roll a ball of cornmeal up and push your hook inside from any angle. To secure it firmly, wrap the leader around the ball and push it inside. Now remold, with fingertips, the ball again. You're set to flip it out. Flip it, don't whip it,

for the ball might come off.

Don't ever leave your outfit resting on something without first opening the bail (spin reel) or on free spool (bait cast) for large carp will drag your outfit from shore.

I set my spinning outfits up on forked sticks spiked in the ground. Then the bail is opened and a piece of cornmeal or small stone is placed on top of my mono. When the carb grabs the bait, my line just knocks the rock off and goes through my rod guides while the fish runs off.

When this happens, pick up your outfit, flip the bail closed and wait for the fish to tighten your line before setting the hook. Hang on now, for your fish will go nuts. Some carp jump like bluefish. Others just pull drag like big stripers or channel catfish. With fish of 15 or more pounds, your outfit could last 20 minutes. One 29 lb. carp took me the better part of an hour to finally net in Southard's Pond in Babylon.

Don't be surprised when playing out a big one if it sees the net and takes off again. Let it go! Too many fishermen try to horse the fish at that point and rods or lines part. One such angler did, with 30 lb. test, and it sounded like a .38 pistol went off!

The best time to go carp fishing is from 11AM to dark in June, July and August. Normally, the stronger the sun gets, the more action you get.

Some equipment to include would be chairs set up next to your rods to watch the line. Also, the area can be shaded by trees. A fish stringer to gill tie your carp and a big fluke size net to land them. A four foot handle will make netting your prize easier.

The only other thing anyone between the ages of 16 and 65 needs are freshwater license. There's no limit on size, or quantity and no closed season. Take only what you need.

Carp can be smoked, filleted, pickled, steamed and are used in many Jewish dishes that call for whitefish. One thing about preparing them. If not smoked or pickled, soak the fillets in vinegar for frying or in lemon/lime soda for baking. This will remove any muddy taste from carp caught from warm, weed filled lakes. I really like dipping them in soda and then egg and lightly peppered flour as a light batter before frying. Yum!

Other places to try for big carp are Oakland Lake in Queens, Freeport Reservoir, Mill Pond (Hempstead), and Fort Pond (Montauk). Fort Pond also has large/smallmouth bass along with striped bass hybrids. I'd bring extra bass rods to sample this fishing if you're out that way.

If you find yourself upstate, carp fishing can save the day. Pack canned corn in the car so that if your bass/trout trips fizzle, you can try Cross River or Kensico Reservoirs. Carp grow big here too!

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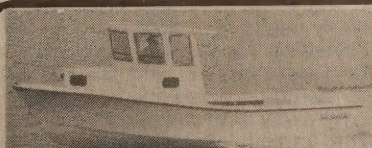
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RIGGING & BUILDING OFFSHORE LURES

Part Three — *by Pete Barrett*

In this final installment of rigging offshore lures, the author deals with the subject of hooks.

The strike of a tuna as it crashes a trolled lure is one of fishing's great experiences. Huge fish literally explode on a lure sending up a shower of spray that looks like someone tossed a car into the water. Even smaller fish attack the lure with strength and fury that continues to amaze and delight canyon fishermen.

In the first two parts of this series we looked at the two most popular ways to rig skirted lures. Now it's time to arm them with hooks. There's an added dimension of pleasure when you fool a fish into striking a lure that you made yourself, but the bottom line is being able to hook the fish. As they say, "You have to hook 'em to cook 'em" and all the brightly colored skirts and beautiful head designs are useless unless the lure can consistently hook the fish at the strike.

Most canyon fishermen are switching from the old standard single hook at the tail of the skirt to double hooks: one hook at the tail, the other near to the head. Many times tuna will hit a lure from the side and will miss a single tail hook. The double rig with its front hook riding near to the head of the lure will guarantee more hook-ups. I check every fish that comes into the "Linda B" and more than two-thirds of them are hooked with the front hook in the jaw, the tail hook either still swinging free or snagged outside the fish's head.

There are two basic ways to rig lures: with crimps or with snells. Within these two basic methods are a variety of refined techniques. No matter which method you choose, you should be familiar with the offshore loop knot as shown in a booklet printed by Stren and available from them by writing to DuPont c/o Stren Line, Wilmington, DE; or as shown in Mark Sosin and Lefty Kreh's "Practical Fishing Knots," available in tackle shops, from *The Fisherman Magazine* and from *Salt Water Sportsman Magazine*. The Offshore Loop Knot is used at the head end of the leader to attach it to the main fishing line.

Braided cable or monofilament can be used for leaders, but mono is by far the most popular leader material. Inshore tuna and white marlin anglers will use 200 pound test, while those seeking bigeyes and giant blue marlin

will prefer 250 or 300 pound test. Anything over 300 pounds is overkill and may even inhibit the lure's action because of the extreme bulk of the line. I buy my mono in one pound spools of Ande 200 and 300 pound test. Leader monofilament is also available from Hi Seas, Maxima, Murray Brothers and others in 50 and 100 yard skeins packed in large plastic wheels and in bulk spools of 1, 2 or 5 pound quantities.

Most canyon trollers use the crimping method to secure their hooks in place. Excellent crimps, crimping pliers and related terminal gear is available from companies like Sevenstrand, Hi Seas and Nicro Press. A properly crimped leader will only lose a slight amount of strength and the crimp system allows the rigger to quickly match hook position to the length of lure's skirt.

A leader crimped with an improper sized crimp or with cheap pliers that crush the line can result in a badly weakened leader and lost fish. This is rarely the fault of the crimp but of the lure rigger himself using the wrong component or improperly squeezing the crimp around the leader. Crimps are sold by sizes to match the many different leader diameters. If you aren't sure which crimp or pliers to use, ask your tackle shop for advice.

Snells offer the advantage of simplicity since no crimps or pliers are needed to place the hooks on the leader. Although not as popular as the crimp system here in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, in the Gulf of Mexico and in south Florida the method is widely used.

Snelling does take practice to learn, but once you are familiar with the method it offers the advantage of doing away with the need for crimps, pliers and other terminal gear. The forward hook is tied in place first. With the hook in your left hand, hook eye to the left and bend to right, lay the tag end along the shank so it protrudes about 2 inches past the hook bend. Form an 18 inch loop (approximately) in the main leader so the loop hangs below the hook with the tag end aimed to the right, the main leader aimed to the left. Take the right side of the loop with your right hand and make 7 wraps around the shank towards the

eye from right to left. Pull the tag end through the wraps and snug the loop to mount the hook firmly in place. Do the same sequence to secure the tail hook in place with the remaining 16 inches of the tag end of the leader. Before firmly seating the snells, rotate the hook shanks so the joints lie 90 or 180 degrees from each other.

The methods shown in the accompanying photos are the basic methods used by most canyon fishermen along our part of the coast, but every captain has his own little trick or variation to make his lures better. If you run into difficulty, drop us a line or visit your local tackle shop for some quick advice.

Photo One: Rigging equipment includes (clockwise from top) braided cable or mono leader wheels, Nicro Press crimping tool (commercial type), crimping sleeves, wire cutters for a clean cut in mono or cable, and tackle box style crimp pliers.

Photo Two: Use round, fine tooth file to clean any burrs from the brass or aluminum tube that runs through the center of most lure heads.

Photo Three: Plastic tube serves as chafing gear to prevent excess wear on leader from long battles with big fish or long hours of trolling.

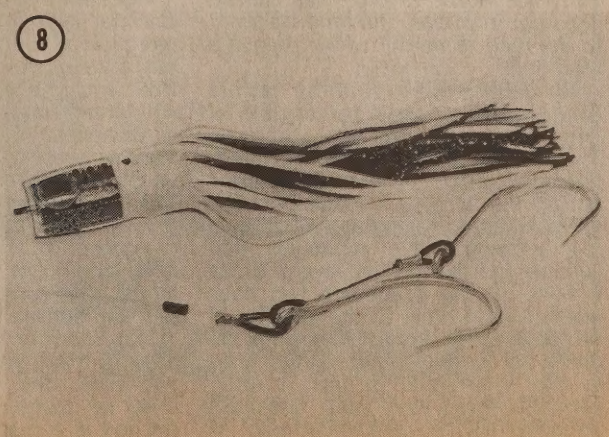
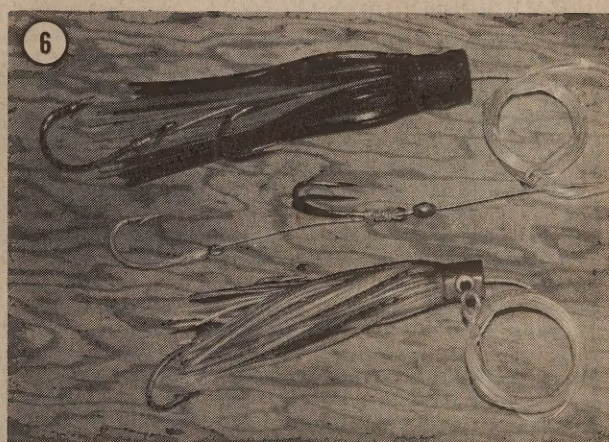
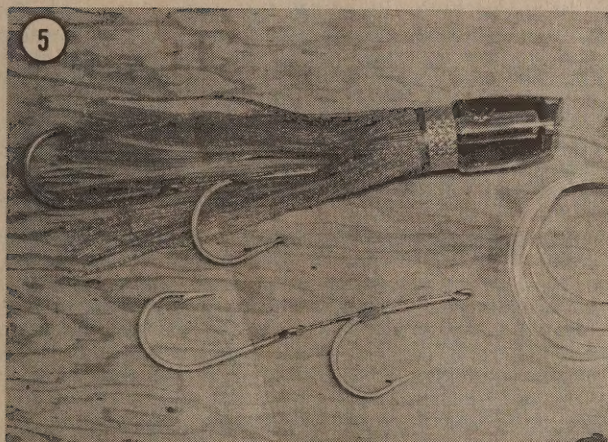
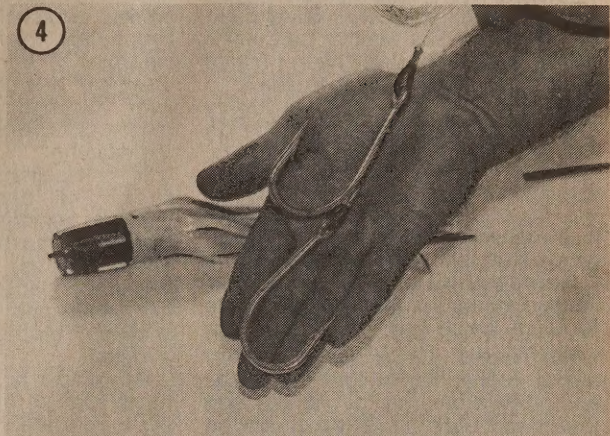
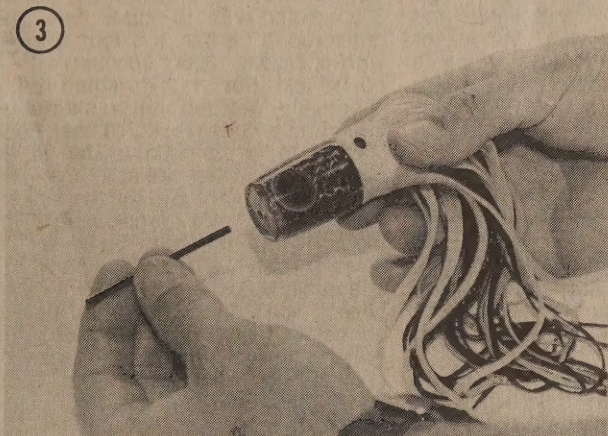
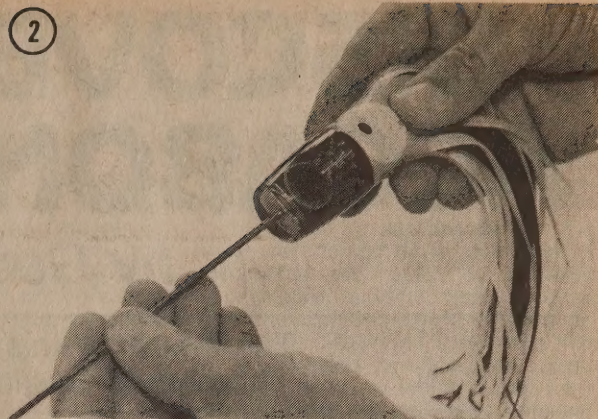
Photo Four: Traditional double hook rig as made by Grant Toman of The Reel Seat, Pt. Pleasant, NJ. Note mono main leader, cable tail hook leader, single crimps, plastic chafing gear at leader loops.

Photo Five: Ed Murray of Murray Brothers, Riviera Beach, FL uses a special double hook cable rig. Standard mono crimp and loop is used to secure hooks to leader.

Photo Six: Frank Johnson of Mold Craft uses a double snell rig and offers the simplicity of needing no crimps and no special tools. Snells are quick and easy to tie.

Photo Seven: Stiff rig shown on a Schneder lure is available from Marine Concepts of Clinton, CT. Keeps hooks firmly at 90 or 180 degrees despite smashing strikes from fish or rough water.

Photo Eight: Small crimp ahead of front loop rides against back of lure head preventing wear on leader and maintains hook position under the lure skirt.



DISCOVERING THE ACCABONAC SHORE

by Gerald Hahn

The mouth of this east end harbor offers shorebound anglers a variety of targets.

Two years ago, I reacquainted myself with Accabonac Harbor, a sandy point on the South Fork west of Gardiner's Island and a shore spot I hadn't fished regularly in more than a decade.

At that time, the place was highly regarded for the 6 to 8 pound bluefish that came crashing through the swift, narrow channel in the inlet, between Accabonac Point and Louse Point. The inlet was so narrow, you could cast a lure more than halfway across. In late summer, fishermen would line both sides of the inlet during the turn of the tide and catch bluefish with Hopkins lures and large blue and white Rebels. Occasionally, an immense osprey would join the fracas and pluck a blue out of the bay and then head back to its sanctuary on Gardiner's Island. Throughout the season, rumors persisted about striped bass as well. Curiously, the sand bottom and swift current gouging out the deep channel at Accabonac produced no weakfish, then or now. On the bottom, though, there were plenty of flounder on the harbor side of Accabonac Point and porgies and fluke on the bay side. From late July on, snappers were bountiful as well.

The changes that have occurred at Accabonac are typical of many other places in Long Island. Constant dredging of the inlet has stripped away much of the plant life; the resulting slower current no longer attracts large predatory fish. Summer houses now crowd the two-mile spit of land leading to the inlet along Old Fireplace Road. Erosion has caused flooding; in places, the land adjacent to the road is hardly wider than the road itself.

No doubt, some of these factors have played a role in the decline of large blues and bass at Accabonac. This is not to say that the spot is dead. Indeed, I caught numerous fish here during the 25 trips I made between early June and early September.

I arranged my schedule that summer to fish this inlet several times a week, giving it about a two hour workout each time. In the summer, I prefer fishing a back bay inlet at dawn, because the water has a chance to cool overnight. In fact, I often began fishing in total darkness although few fish were active then. At

dawn, moreover, the beach was empty, especially in mid-week, and this suited me as well. Whenever possible, I selected days when a change of tide coincided more or less with my fishing hours. For this reason, I occasionally fished here in the evening.

It is fascinating to fish a small stretch of beach regularly. You become sensitive to the slightest change of current, wind and moon phase. You see new species emerge and others depart. A pattern evolves for awhile and then is replaced by another. You begin to read the water in detail.

At Accabonac, the water plays odd tricks. On hot humid days when the sky is like lead and the air like pea soup, Gardiner's Bay resembles a stagnant pond. When the current gets going, however, whether in response to a full moon tide or a wind from the north, it races like a torrent through the narrow inlet. Not consistently, though. Both before and after slack tide, I often saw it get under way for a half hour and suddenly stop, as though it couldn't make up its mind. Then it would resume its course. In reality, this is caused by the harbor on the west side of the inlet, a tidal flat so shallow that you can see clam diggers 200 feet away in ankle deep water. On the bay side, the water is deeper. Thus, water from the bay is forced through the narrow inlet into the shallower harbor and then backs up the way soda gurgles in the neck of a bottle.

I located most of the fish either in the inlet itself or just north of it on the bay side. Though narrow, the inlet has a steep dropoff only a few feet from shore; sand and gravel mixed with green and red seaweeds suddenly disappear into a gloomy abyss. Another asset here is a long sand bar on the Louse Point side of the inlet. The bar turns north from the inlet and follows the shoreline on the bay side of Accabonac, about 800 feet away. It is a significant formation; like the mouth of a funnel, it draws predatory fish and bottom fish to the inlet.

Not knowing what to expect here after so many years, I brought along two rods: one for baitfishing, the other for casting lures. The baitfishing rod is a medium action 7½ foot

spinner matched with an old Garcia 306 spooled with 15 pound test. The other rod is lighter, a 6 foot spinner with a Daiwa 1300C spooled with 8 pound test. For the baitfishing rod, I eventually decided on a shortened version of a fluke rig: a 2/0 beak hook snelled to an 18 inch leader of 20 pound test and secured to a three-way swivel with a wire clip for the sinker.

Deciding on the proper weight for the rig was difficult, however. In sluggish water, a two ounce bank was adequate. But when the current raced here, I soon discovered that even 5 ounces of lead would roll along the bottom. In fact, this, I soon learned, became an advantage. For after trying baitfishing in the inlet itself where the current was much too strong, I located a spot on the bay side about 200 feet north of the inlet. On the incoming tide, the rig would swing sharply to the right and settle at the channel edge at the mouth of the inlet. Although it seemed awfully close to shore, the rig was actually in an excellent spot. An in-line float on the snelled leader helped keep spider crabs, calicos and other scavengers away.

Throughout the summer, I tried various baits—sand worms, squid, clams, sand eels, killies and live snappers—with good results. In fact, I was surprised to find bottom fishing so productive here, since I didn't pay much attention to this rod. I would make a long cast and spike the rod.

My first real surprise came in early July when tailor blues ventured into the inlet. In fact, the first one I caught was only 30 feet from shore. Many of them were farther out, however, and added to the excitement as they put a sharp bend in the light rod. Although I experimented with various lures, the most consistent producers were an 007 diamond jig with a red split-tail tube and a 1/4 ounce white leadhead bucktail mixed with a touch of red, and sometimes tipped with pork rind. Between July 6th and 18th, I caught cocktail blues on almost every trip, usually within two hours before or after high slack.

By mid-July, however, the tailor blues disappeared. However, they were replaced by a greater surprise: school bass. Although none of the stripers I caught and released was

larger than 15 inches, they were a treat to play on the light rod. Unlike the blues, the majority of the bass I caught were taken at first light, an hour or two before low slack. Nonetheless, they responded to the same lures the tailors had.

The two species, weighing about the same and taken on the same rod and lures, were fascinating to compare. The school blues generally hit the lure in mid-depths or off the bottom, and then would dart furiously this way and that, fighting all the way to the beach. The bass hit harder at first, a veritable thud and often crashed through the surface. Their follow-through was less impressive, however.

The fish were different in other ways, too. Although I took all the bass within the turbulent inlet no more than 50 feet from shore, many of the blues were spread out in the calmer waters beyond the north side of the inlet. In fact, I caught several blues on squid with the baitfishing rod. Furthermore, although the small blues virtually disappeared after mid-July (to be replaced by snappers), the bass remained through early August, albeit irregularly. After that, they seemed to disappear, too, although I cannot say for sure. Unfortunately, I did not check Accabonac later in September, or in October, because by then larger blues were rampaging the ocean beaches. The last bass I heard about were taken on August 27th by

an elderly woman who fished here regularly for snappers. Although she had taken a 5 pound bass at Accabonac the previous season, I doubt that any of the predatory fish—blues or bass—weighed more than 2 pounds.

The largest fish at Accabonac, in fact, were sand sharks, the only species I caught at night. One, almost 2½ feet long, was taken inches from the shoreline. That night, in late July, the water turned fluorescent green, as phosphorous and sand sharks mingled in the eerie light. They ate everything: worms, squid, baitfish—whether on the bottom rig or tipped on one of the lures.

At the first sign of light, the sharks disappeared, and were replaced by a dawn shift of fluke, the most consistent bottom dwellers here. Indeed, fluke were so abundant that without much effort, I caught some on nearly half the trips to Accabonac. I would check the baited rod every 10 minutes or so, and a fluke invariably was at the other end. The flatfish were so voracious, they responded to almost everything I offered: sand worms, killies, squid, and one time, to the 007 without a sweetener. A running current, generally before high slack or before low slack seemed best, regardless of the time of day. Although many of the fish were under the 14 inch limit, there were enough fat keepers around to make the effort worthwhile. Plenty of action, too.

Using the aforementioned tactic of drifting the rig toward the inlet and letting it settle at the channel edge, was the best way to locate them. When the current slowed down, a long pull on the rod accompanied by a slow retrieve with frequent pauses along the way, kept the fluke interested.

In August, or perhaps earlier, the fluke were joined by sand porgies. I discovered this quite by accident when a porgy suddenly took a fancy to a shredded piece of squid on the fluke rig. I also discovered that these fish were attracted to fingernail sized baitfish, some of which I had kept while gathering bait at Northwest Harbor with a friend who had a net. I would put one of these fish on a snapper lure and drift it in the current. The tactic not only attracted snappers, but porgies and my one odd ball catch of the season: a Spanish mackerel. Snappers, of course, were the real drawing card at Accabonac. The old lady told me that every evening the beach would be lined with snapper fishermen.

Although I did many other kinds of fishing that season, I'm glad I was persistent at Accabonac. That the fish were small eventually became meaningless. When you become truly acquainted with a place, you develop a rhythm with it, the way trout fishermen fall in love with a stream. This season, discover **your** Accabonac and you will see what I mean.

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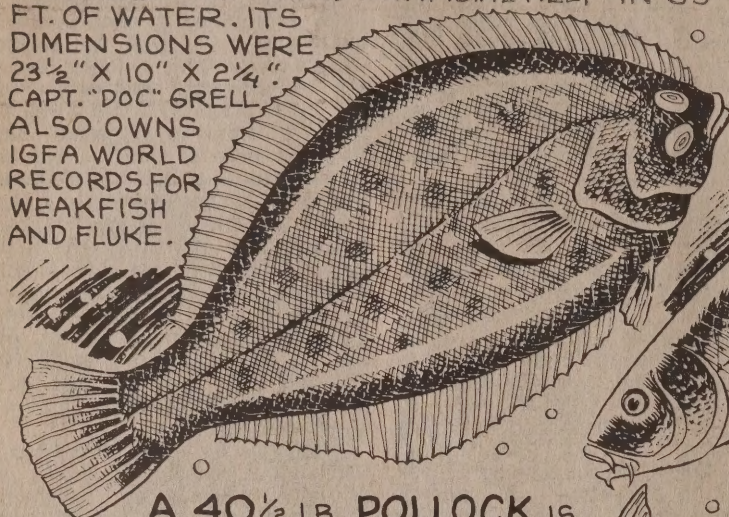
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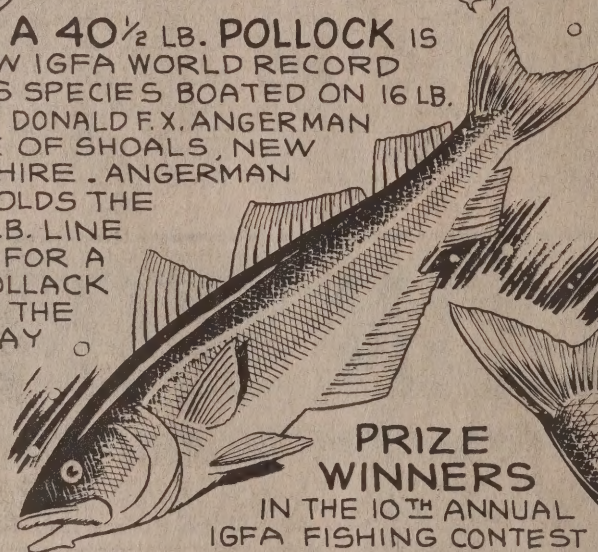
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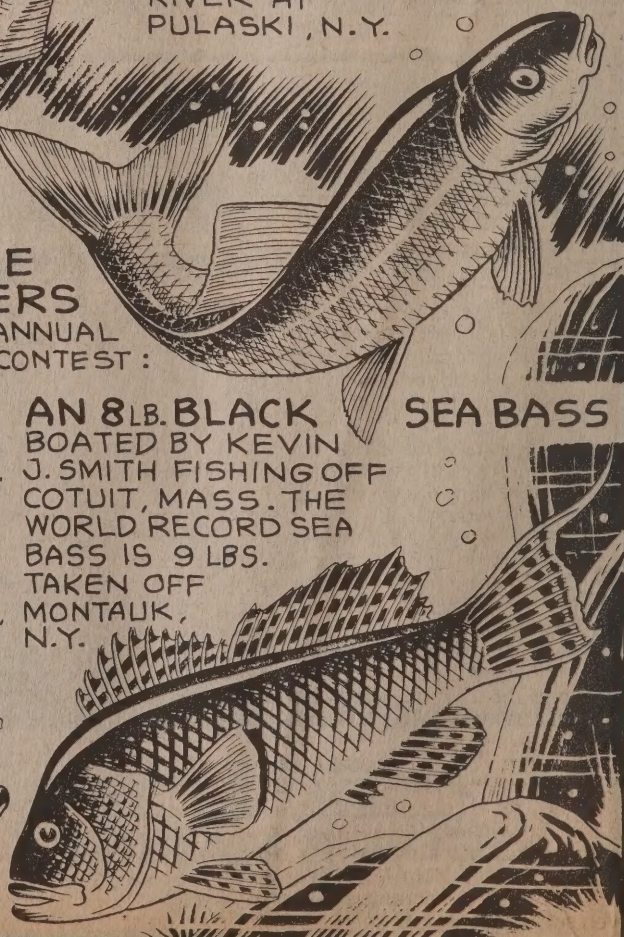
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MONTAUK TUNA CHASE

by Fred Laager

The author's introduction to Montauk tuna fishing turns out to be a memorable one.

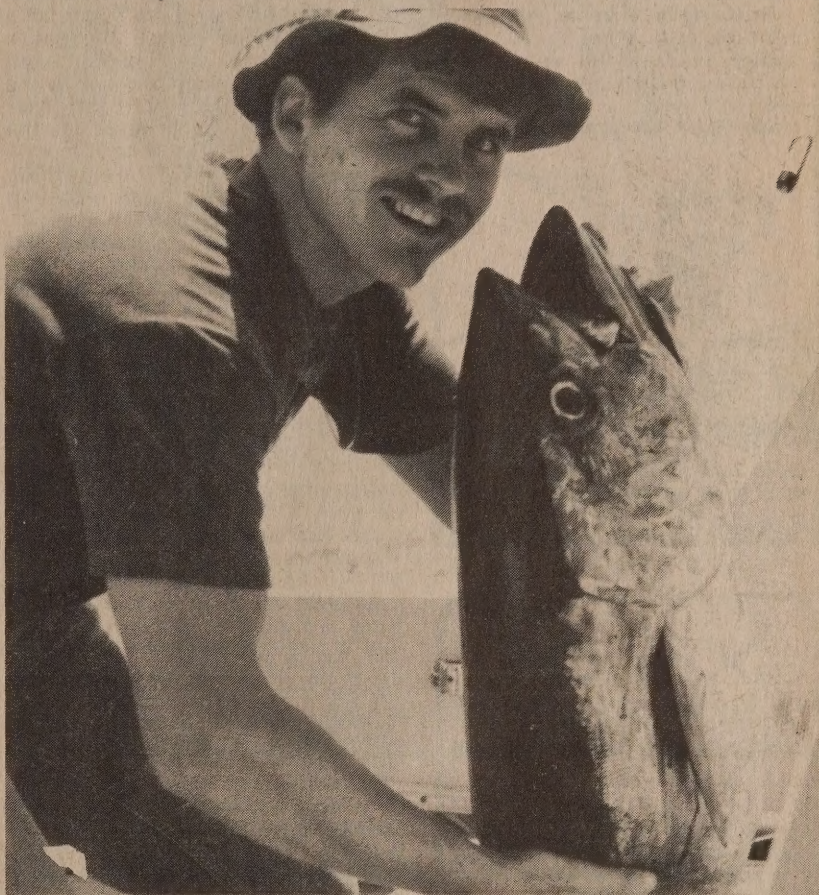
It was a moonlit Montauk morning. My friends had not yet arrived, so I sat and waited for the sun to make its entrance. All around me the large Sportfishing hulls lay quietly at their berths, rising and falling on faint swells. With each breath of wind, they would tighten slowly on their bonds, heaving and tugging, first to the left and then to the right like some wild animal chained against its will; knowing that just beyond its reach waits its freedom.

Their great white forms reflected the morning moonglow and they made no pretense as to their purpose. They were designed to catch fish. Theirs was the gentleness of a true and latent power and I was amazed at their beauty and inspired by their size.

The sky began to lighten and with it went all fanciful thoughts inspired by misty mornings along the waterfront. I had been invited to fish aboard the Edelman's Sporting Goods company boat with its owner, Bob Ishkanian; the vice president of the company, Lou Rosado and a friend and fine fisherman, Bill Strianese. Together we four made up the entire crew of the 46 foot Hatteras, "Bullet" and together we would be sailing in search of some of the excellent tuna fishing that has made Montauk a fisherman's paradise.

As the moonlight made way for the sun, my friends finally arrived and, after the usual greetings and how-do-you-does, we packed all our paraphernalia on board and let loose the mooring lines. Bob fired up the engines and took us out through the inlet. Lou readied the rigs while Bill and I prepared the butterfish chunks we would be using for chum. As we rounded the point, Bob pointed the Bullet on a trajectory 210 degrees southwest and opened the throttle sending the Bullet along at 15 knots straight for its mark, the blue water haunts of the quick and powerful tuna.

We were heading toward the famed Butterfish Hole, a parcel of water that lies along the 25 fathom curve and is situated due west of Block Channel. It is an area where currents merge, where warm water meets cold, where baitfish stack themselves 30 feet thick and many miles long. It is a place for shark, for whales; for all manner of sea creatures including the tuna and it is only 18 miles from Montauk, well within the reach of crafts like ours or even smaller boats half the size of the



Author with a typical Butterfish Hole tuna.

Bullet.

We had been cruising for almost 30 minutes and steadily marking bait on the color recorder. A 15 to 20 foot bar printed straight across the screen, while above and below the bait larger marks sat solitary at 60 feet, waiting. Some showed up on the recorder as red while others showed green, but their numbers didn't warrant our throwing the lines over just yet.

Though we were almost 12 miles from shore, I could still make out the form of Montauk to the north rising up from the sea. To the Indiana, Montauk was known as the "high place" and its prominence above the horizon makes it a welcome sight for fishermen returning from long and arduous trips. To the south, the tuna fleet was now in view, a hundred or more boats schooling in a large circle spanning two miles or so. We went

around them to the south while Lou, who had now taken over the bridge, kept an eye on the recorder looking for a spot where the fishing looked promising. As we went, a pod of whales swam by the boat, spouted and moved on to the west. Here and there, huge loggerhead turtles would quickly swim away and dive as the ominous shadow of the Bullet passed them by. The sky was slightly overcast and the smell of diesel fumes perfumed the air like nitro solvent at a hunter's camp.

Lou backed down on the engines and said we were on a spot. Over went the anchor and after a bit of maneuvering, we were holding fast in 150 feet of water. Right beside us a smaller boat with four anglers on board was already in to fish. Two of the fishermen already had their rods

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bent over and, after a minute or so, one of them boated a small bonito while the other fellow, some 10 minutes later, hoisted a nice yellowfin from the sea.

We were using California West Coast-type fishing rods and 6/0 reels loaded with 50 lb. test line. The hooks (small looking things for such fish as large as tuna) were Mustad O'Shaugnessy style 94150 in 4/0 and 5/0 sizes. Though small, these hooks are very strong. We snelled these hooks directly to the line and Lou rigged the butterfish for bait. First he inserted the hook directly into the butterfish's mouth and then passed the entire shank of the hook out through the gill opening. Then, taking the hook by the shank, he curved the hook back through the gill plate and into the body cavity of the fish. When properly rigged for "chunking," the only thing visible to the tuna is the line coming directly out of the butterfish's mouth.

Chunking is an interesting and popular method of fishing for tuna and it often brings the fish very close to the boat. To chunk-fish, throw in 2 to 4 piece of chopped butterfish at regular intervals creating a chum slick that drifts down and away from the boat. After a minute or so, throw the rigged bait overboard with some other chunks of bait and let it drift down and away with the other chunks. In order to get a bite, the bait must drift naturally and it must descend at the same rate as the other chunks. To accomplish this, rubber core sinkers of 1/4 to 1 ounce must be used to help counteract the drag of the line and these are attached to the line about four to five feet above the bait. After the butterfish has drifted back about 100 feet or so, reel it in slowly to avoid twisting and start the process all over again, always keeping a steady chunk slick going all the time.

Yesterday, the "bite" was around ten o'clock and that hour was quickly approaching. I had just completed the twentieth drift and was starting the twenty-first when Lady Luck decided to give me a hand. My bait was descending with a few chunks that Bill had just thrown in. It fluttered slowly down like a silver dollar flipping this way and that when suddenly it was gone. At first, I thought I had just lost sight of it, but then I saw a large fish swimming just below the surface with what appeared to be outstretched wings, gliding like an albatross, gracefully rising and falling on minute swells, while beside him two other fish swam bullet-like, inhaling the small chunks of bait that were scattered here and there.

"We've got tuna gentlemen," I said.

Bill and Lou looked over the side and saw the albacore doing small loops and turns below us.

"He's got the bait," Lou said, "Hit 'em!"

I struck back on the rod and he tightened on his bond taking off at top speed. Bill helped me into the harness as the reel quickly emptied. Two

minutes passed; then ten. I pulled and he pulled. But he pulled harder. All other lines were snatched from the water as he went from the right side of the cockpit to the left and back to the right repeatedly. But finally, he tired, and after swimming in circles for a minute or two he came to the side of the boat totally spent like the empty casing of a shell and he was ours.

"Looks about 50 lbs.," Bill said.

"Good eating, that albacore," Lou said, "all white meat through and through."

Another half hour went by and we lost two fish that mouthed the bait but felt the steel hidden in the core of the seemingly harmless butterfish. Schools of skipjack (marshmallows, as they are known at Montauk) would occasionally pass us just out of casting distance. Large ocean sunfish weighing over 300 pounds would break the calm of the surface and drift lazily by us in their search for food.

The ocean was like glass mirrored against the azure sky. Looking over the port side I saw a school of skippys porpoising on the surface and they were coming our way creating a pressure wave that sent the surface into a ripple. To the outside of the disturbance were much larger swirls that sucked water making a noise that could be heard a hundred yards away.

"Tuna coming," I said, but before the words could clear my lips, Lou had snatched a rod from the holder and made his way up along the gun'l to the bow of the boat.

Mistakenly he had grabbed a 20 lb. outfit more suitable for fluke fishing than tuna, snapped on a 4 oz. jig and had it flying in mid air before he realized he had picked up the wrong rod. He jigged once; nothing. He jigged twice; nothing. I looked back at my line drifting off the stern and let some more line off the reel, but when I looked back at Lou his rod was arched horribly and he was fast into a fighting fish.

We pulled in our lines and watched Lou battle the beast. Inch by inch he made his way back along the gun'l to the cockpit and his reel was almost empty as the fish made run after run. The small 20 lb. test rod was bent so much that pieces of curly plastic flew all around us as the line frayed along the feet of the guides. Slowly, Lou stopped the fish and brought the 40 pound yellowfin up alongside into the jaws of the waiting gaff.

Toward afternoon we decided to troll. We cruised north along the 25 fathom curve pulling six lines behind us. On the outriggers we trolled two green machines dropped back on the crest of the third wake. On the flat lines (those lines trolled immediately off the transom) we had rigged Hawaiian bird lures skirted orange and black. On the inside flat lines we rigged tuna clones and trolled them close right behind a wooden plug teaser.

We had been trolling only a few

hours or so but only had a few knock-downs from bonito. Every now and then as we went through 75 degree water we would spot a hammerhead on the surface. The ocean was dead calm, only rippled here and there by the wind touching its surface but, to the south, Lou noticed the telltale signs of tuna pushing bait.

We made our way over to the disturbance and I climbed up into the tuna tower to get a better view of things. From atop my perch I could see the skippys clustering on the surface and beneath them the large forms of tuna showing gun-blue and silver as they turned and chased the bait below. Circling the school we trolled the lures right over the center. I watched the birds dancing on the surface sending a flume of spray behind them when suddenly the ocean opened and left a void where the lure once swam.

The line snapped out of the flat line clip and Bill picked up the rod. He had been out the day before and had had his share of fighting these babies, so he graciously handed the rod to me. I thanked him and pulled on the fish for the next 10 minutes. Bob had been waiting with the gaff and one pass later the bluefin came over the rail, tipping the scale at slightly under 100 pounds.

We finished the day with some smaller fish and even stopped for some summer flounder fishing on the south side of the point. The fluke were biting and it was a fine way to end the day's fishing. Back at the dock the Bullet lay quietly at its berth while we divided the catch and planned the next trip.

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A YOUNGSTER'S FIRST FISHING TRIP

by Art Michaels

Taking your child fishing for the first time in saltwater or freshwater can be a wonderful experience that both you and your child will remember fondly through all your years. Even if your child doesn't take to fishing right away, or even not at all, the memories of the first trip can remain dear. But if your child catches the fishing bug as you have it, that first fishing trip is the beginning of a wonderful expansion in your relationship with your child, and it's a part of you that your child could pass along to many generations of your family.

For these reasons, taking your kids fishing is an investment that could pay big dividends and with a little planning, you can reap these great rewards.

How, then, can you make the most of this opportunity? Here are a few ideas on making your child's first fishing trip a terrific success.

The age of a child when he or she first fishes doesn't matter, but for now, consider children who are between the ages of about three and five. Trips for kids at these ages require special planning so that the first fishing experience is fun and safe. In addition, it's not too early to begin lessons on conservation, either.

First, get one thing straight. Your kids requires your undivided attention on this initial trip, so leave your tackle at home. You won't be fishing. After a successful first lesson you should take your rods so that you and your child are actually fishing together—the opportunity to imitate dad and do special activities with him is important to pre-schoolers. But on this first jaunt, your child needs constant attention. You can't provide that if you're trying to fish.

The success of a first fishing trip depends almost completely on your

youngster's catching fish and nothing turns kids on to fishing more than pulling in one fish right after the other. Your kid's first freshwater fishing experience ought to take place at a lake or farm pond that's chockful of bluegills. They're easy to catch, they're cooperative from April into November and on kids' tackle they put up a good fight.

With a few good bluegill spots in mind, consider also the terrain surrounding the waterway. You want gently sloping shorelines for safety's sake, and plenty of open area near good spots for casting. Picnic tables nearby might be a plus, too, because you may be able to involve the whole family for the next trip.

Saltwater first trips can be equally successful. In saltwater, you want to find a quiet bay or tidal river spot that's loaded with snapper blues. You have the opportunity to catch snap-



pers from late July when they grow to a good catchable size, through October. You also need to think about safety, as you would for the freshwater trip. Fishing for snappers off piers, bulkheads and rock piles high off the water can be dangerous. If you can pick a spot that's right on the water, not perched above it, do so. But if you can't, as an added precaution, you may want your first-time angler to wear a Type I or Type II PFD.

If you're unfamiliar with the area, perhaps it's a vacation spot, call local bait and tackle shops. The people in these places can give you the inside track on where the best spots are.

Consider tackle next. Any short rod of 3 or 4 feet with a closed-face spinning reel is good for both freshwater and saltwater trips. Little kids just can't manage longer rods. The Zebco 202 is a good fishing outfit for a pre-schooler, and you may want to check out the rod and reel combos by Daiwa, Abu-Garcia, Shakespeare and Penn. In addition, remove the extra heavy diameter line that's often spooled on the reel, but don't use ultralight lines like 2 lb. test or 4 lb. test. Put small diameter line onto the reel before the first trip. For your child's first experience, go with 8 lb. test to about 12 lb. test. Hungry bluegills and snappers won't mind and the slightly heavier line is a little easier to work with, especially when you want to untangle bird's-nests!

Rigging up is important, too. For bluegills and snappers you can use the same basic setup. For bluegills, about a foot or so above a size 10 or 12 baitholding hook, tie on a bobber of an inch to 1 1/4 inches. Use the orange and white bobbers instead of the traditional red and white ones because children can watch them more closely. For bait, use night crawlers or mealworms and don't give your first-time angler, male or female, any pre-conceived notions about handling the bait. It's just a part of fishing, so treat it that way.

For snappers, use the same setup, except tie on size 6 or 4 baitholding hooks and use frozen spearing to start. When the action gets good, you may want to switch to 1/8, 1/16 or 1/32 oz. jigs with white or yellow twister tails or double tails. Once the school of snappers is feeding, they'll probably smash anything you dunk in the water, so the jigs can save time and trouble and they can give your young angler more action without the need to bait up after each fish. Attach them below the bobber, as you would rig up bait. The surface wave movement gives the jig action. With any of these baits for gills or snappers, adjust the placement of the bobber so that the bait reaches the fish.

A small supply of hooks, bait and bobbers is a must, too, but keep it simple. A mini-box, like a Plano 3511 Spin-Pak, is all you need for the gear, in addition to the bait.

When you're all set up and ready to fish, cast the first few times with your



The author's son hoists his first fish: a plump bluegill that banged a worm hung below a bobber. That's all it took, and another fisherman was born.

youngster. You know—stand behind him or her, and both of you grasp the rod and reel to cast. Of course, you make sure the rig gets out there to the fish. Tell your kid what to expect. The bobber moves because the fish is eating the bait and he should hook the fish at that time. Explain to the youngster how to hook fish, too.

Don't be surprised if your child prefers skimming stones or casting over and over again to keeping the bait in the water and watching for a bite. Remember that the child's idea of a good time is what counts. Still, you make sure that a fish gets on fast and that the child brings it in, with a little of your help.

Sometimes, kids come face to face with a bluegill or a snapper after pulling it in and it scares the daylights out of them. That's okay. If the child doesn't want to handle the fish, don't force it. That's fodder for developing a healthy respect for wildlife. But if your child has no reservations about handling fish, start the youngster off right by demonstrating correct fish

handling and stress safety, especially with a snapper's bite and a bluegill's dorsal fin.

Of course, don't keep fish unless you plan to ice down the catch and serve it for a meal. That notion is admirable, but so also is returning fish to the water. Sure, you're teaching the child to fish, and you could leave it at that. But you also have the chance to begin instilling in the youngster the ideas of conservation and outdoor ethics. During the first few trips, you may want to begin showing the child how you keep fish properly and how to release them, too.

If you get a chance this fall to introduce your child to fishing, don't miss it. Before you know it, your "youngster" may be teaching you a thing or two about catching fish. From that initial moment of a child's reeling in his or her first fish, you're making an investment in your family and in your sport. It's an investment that could pay very great dividends for who knows how many years.

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Generally good weather conditions proved that plenty of fish abound in east end waters. With the clearing up of the algae in the Peconics and Southold bays, good bluefish activity with improved porgy catches were reported. Tuna, yellowfin, bluefin, and albacore, are settling in at the Butterfish Hole and were caught chunking by early birds. Porgy catches remain at historic proportions, while more doormat fluke were located. Plenty of shark and marlin have been spotted. Cod catches remain reliable.

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A couple of giant tuna were brought into the Montauk Marine Basin this past week. One, weighing 620 pounds was caught by Captain Gregg Beacher on the *Dawn*. It is encouraging that a few giants have moved back into Montauk waters and are taking chunked baits. A 500 pound giant was weighed at the Marine Basin, caught by a Rhode Island boat, and at least one other was caught this week. The charter boat Kellyboat, with Captain Gene Kelly caught five albacore tuna this week, all in the thirty to thirty-five pound range. Anglers included Paul, John and Chris Picciano, Billy Desmond and Jim Romaniello. Last, but certainly not least, a tremendous tiger shark was



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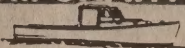
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ly ties the New York State record for the species.

Tuna were on the menu for Captain Mike Bentevegna, Jr. and the charter boat Pronto, with James Sherry on Saturday and Glenn Ricci on Sunday. On both days, yellowfin, bluefin and long fin albacore were brought back. Action was furious at the Butterfish Hole, with the bite on both days early in the morning. Chunking was the order of the day.

Captain Steve Mauss, fishing with Alan Kurr on Friday, on the Kraken III encountered a lot of tuna action as

well, returning to the dock with a huge albacore that hit the sixty pound mark at the marina, as well as a 110 pound yellowfin. Captain Steve noted that very large mako sharks are roaming the area of the tuna fleet.

Captain John DeMaio has a few dates available for tuna charters on the Vivienne. Weekend action included yellowfin tuna to 73 pounds. Call for information and available dates.

Action on the charter boat My Mate the past week included sharks and school tuna with a bonus of a fifty pound white marlin caught by Steve Levy of Huntington. Although most shark hookups were of the brown and blue variety, two makos grabbed baits meant for tuna, but were lost at the boat. Wire leaders are not used for tuna.

A variety of species were brought aboard the King Wayne on the weekend. Friday's trip produced four long fin albacore tuna, all of which were caught on trolled Green Machines. A fluke trip with the Stagecoach Fishing Club returned with sixty fluke, with Frank Savage taking the pool with a seven pounder. Captain King noted that there was a good percentage of keepers. A fifteen pound striped bass that took a drifted squid strip was released. Sunday's trip to an area southeast of Block Island encountered lots of cod, thirty to twenty-five pounds were boated with Joe Barber of Cine Magnetics. Many bluefish were jigged on the way back.

Captain Richie Rade said that the Marlin IV is generally doing very well with porgies, with anywhere from thirty to seventy scup per angler. While the action slowed a bit on Sunday, perhaps as a result of the lighting storm during the night, some anglers did put away fifty fish. Sea bass and blackfish are taking porgy baits. Bluefishing at Cartwright and Block Island was red hot, until the weekend's storm, with pool fish over fifteen pounds each trip.

Captain Forsberg of the Viking Fleet reports that Cox's Ledge cod catches were good Thursday and Friday, and excellent on Saturday. Nice size cod have apparently settled in. Twelve hangers decorated the boat on Saturday. Bluefishing continues red hot, except for a slow down during Saturday nights lighting storm. One angler, Felix, caught fifty-one blues alone on Wednesday's trip. The Star was into pretty hot fluking on the weekend. An eleven and a quarter pound doormat was put aboard on Friday afternoon's trip. On Saturday Chris Smalstead and his son, fished both trips for twenty-seven keepers. It was noted that the percentage of shorts has decreased dramatically.

Captain Fred Bird of the Flying Cloud stated that porgy fishing continues at its great pace. Jimmy Bou returned to the Bronx on Friday with 104 porgies plus a five pound six ounce pool winning blackfish. Willie Cornell, a regular, took high hook on Saturday with eighty-five, while Carl

Hotnit caught sixty-three Sunday. Sunday's pool winner was Chris Martin with a two and a half pound flounder.

Captain Dusty Dorzbacher, a statistician by nature, has noted that this present porgy run has produced consistent good daily catches since July 5th. Even on a slow day, high hook on the **Little Bear** was fifty-nine on Friday. On Thursday Clifton Felder of Brooklyn caught 113 porgies and on Sunday V.L. Dowling, eighty. All fish are medium size, according to Captain Dusty "as though they came out of the same mold". Areas such as under the light house, Great Eastern, and the south side, appear to be paved with porgies.

The "Bronco Explorer" with Captain John Keller has made three canyon trips so far this season, returning with at least eleven bigeye tuna per trip and has totalled thirty-nine bigeye thus far this season, a rather notable score!

Charley Fuchs, speaking for **Star Island Yacht Club** heard of lots of sharks of all varieties in the area, particularly near the tuna chunkers. Early morning anglers are returning with yellowfin. A 305 lb. mako was caught on Sunday on the marina based boat "Perigee High" captained by Andy Dominic with Randy Dominic on the rod. The fish was caught southwest of the Point. Flukers will find large fluke, although not many at the Pocketbook, where some of 6 and 8 lbs. were caught. Good action, however with smaller fluke was at Shagwong.

Jim Grubb, fishing on his 21 ft. Mako, "My Toy II," first tried trolling for tuna, then settled in at the Butterfish Hole with bait. Two bluefin, each 80 lbs., were fought and boated. Anglers included Jim, Doug MacVittie and 16 year old Sonny Sireci of Springs (East Hampton).

Susan, speaking for **Captain's Cove Marina**, talked of good tuna and shark action offshore, with pretty good fluking inshore. Specific catches include 90 fluke on a half day charter on Tuesday on the **Ebb Tide** by a group led by Frank Kanelli. Captain Bruce Kieffer located these fluke, top weight 6 lbs., at the North Rips. On Saturday, Capt. Zac Grossman on the **Mako Express** fished at the Butterfish Hole with Dominic and the guys from the Salty Flyrodders of New York, returning with a yellowfin and a bluefin tuna. On the same day, a 150 lb. yellowfin was caught, same place on the "Marie III." On Sunday, Capt. Gary Kieffer caught yellowfin of 80 lbs. on the "Barracua," fishing 14 miles south of the Point. A 260 lb. dusky shark tagged and released on the "Wet Dream," fishing outside the tuna fleet. Capt. Kathy also reported pretty good fluking at Midway.

Captain Bob Storc of the charter boat **Caprice**, fishing with Sinclair and Maurice Curtiss on Saturday, caught three bushels of porgies, some weighing 2 lbs. On Sunday, Capt.

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Storc and his son Eric loaded up with blues and weaks. A few weaks reached the 10 lb. mark and reportedly were taken on wt. bucktails.

Tom Jordan, speaking for **Gone Fishing Marina** reported a variety of species brought into the marina the past week. Good porgy catches were made at areas from Great Eastern through the point to the southside, with Bruce and Fred on the "Condor" experiencing consistent good catches. Generally, fluking was good, with the North Rips giving up some fish in the 5 and 6 lb. class. Action seems to be moving towards the south side, with more keepers showing up the past week. Offshore, Clancy Tatum found 75 degree water temperature south of the Point, and enticed a 200 lb. hammerhead to his bait. Caesar and Mel Rivera were chunking with Jed Bayles, hoping for tuna SE of the Point on Saturday. A 59 lb. white marlin took a tuna bait and was successfully fought by Jed, his first ever billfish. Another marlin, measuring 88 inches was caught on the "Barbarosa" owned by Jerry Blessinger early last week. On Sunday, Jim Biglio and Tom Albert of Ronkonkoma

fished the south side, returning with 500 porgies. On both Tuesday and Wednesday, T.J. and Sal tried for cod on the "Contagious" both on Cox's Ledge and the Suffolk Wreck. On both days they connected with cod and pollock on the wreck, 2 to 3 dozen per trip, with best action late in the afternoon on both days. T.J. noted lots of life on the Ledge—marlin and tuna.

Ed and Camille Fitzgerald treated Camille's father Carl to an offshore charter on the **Reel Magic** for his birthday. A 78 lb. yellowfin tuna was the frosting on the cake. Earlier in the week, Capt. Howard proved himself a good captain and good sport when he took his wife, Lorraine, fluking. At least he put Lorraine on the right spot where she caught most of the 25 fluke, including the largest one: 7½ pounds.

Very good porgy action both at the point and south side, according to Henry Uihlein of **Uihlein's Boat Rentals**. Most rental boats are returning with a bucketful or more per trip, with most fish mediums. Sea bass, blackfish and a few flounder are also caught on the porgy grounds on

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the south side. On Saturday a group that included Tony Casale, Tivuy, Artie Dasler, Pete and Richard Williams and Charlie Boden fished the North Rips in a rented 23 foot Aquasport, returning with 15 fluke, top weight 5 lbs.

SOUTH FORK

Buck, at Harbor Marina, was happy to report that the brown algae has shown much improvement, and along with that, improved fishing. Bill Nagle of East Hampton fished with sandeels and squid at the Ruins off Gardiner's Island for a good catch of fluke, many over five pounds. Bill reported that the fish hit on both sides of the tide, and heard rumors of a couple of doormats in the ten pound range. Porgies were caught at Cedar Point, by those using bunker chum and clam bait. Fishing deep water seemed to be the key factor in porgy catching. Blues to six pounds were caught over the weekend in the rip at

the Ruins.

Chris Salb pointed out that there is great action with snappers at Long Wharf Pier in Sag Harbor, keeping kids busy. Porgy catches from Bayview Marine and Tackle were spotty, depending on the expertise of the angler. Best spots were the Buoy 6 area at Cedar Point or off the red spindle at Sag Harbor. Chum is a definite asset. Hoards of bluefish moved into Noyac Bay, and can be caught by surface plugs or tins since they are seen on top. Most anglers averaged twenty to thirty blues using light spinning tackle for the most fun. While an extraordinary amount of fluke are in the rips at the Ruins, most are shorts. Best bet, according to Chris is Montauk, with Shagwong and Culloden very good spots.

Thom, at Speck's Bait and Tackle reported hot offshore action again this weekend. On Friday morning Lee Berghlund and his friend trolled two tuna (bluefin and Yellowfin) in 130 feet of water out of Shinnecock Inlet. On Saturday Tony DeMar and Pete Cipolla trolled green machines and

feathers for seven tuna, all yellowfin, in 240 feet. Fluke are holding up well in the Shinnecock area. However, very good catches of large fluke were made over the weekend fishing south of Plum Island, with scattered reports from Culloden Point off Montauk. The Peconics have begun to show more activity. Lots of bluefish off Jessups Neck, Cow Neck with snappers at all docks. Porgies have been reported at Roses Grove and Middle Grounds.

Captain Artie Lach of the open boat Wilhelric II reported continued good porgy catches on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, with average catches of twenty-five to thirty per angler and outstanding catches Friday. Anglers who used very small hooks, baited the worms did best. On Friday, Captain Lach fished "Amtrack's Hole", a newly discovered hot spot. Three anglers, Jackie Gleason and his two friends, teamed up for a stupendous catch of four hundred porgies which they gave away by the bucketful to other anglers on the boat. A notable by catch of Saturday's catch was five fluke which were caught on porgy hooks on one drop. On Tuesday's fluke trip, Captain Clark Bellows reported that Mr. and Mrs. Sal Fava caught fourteen fluke, with Mrs. Fava catching three fluke over four pounds, and also copping the pool. Wednesday was the best day of the season, both in number of fluke and quality of size. Eighteen anglers caught over 115 nice fluke. Five fluke weighed over five pounds, the pool fish reaching the eight pound mark on the scale.

Bill Heichek, with his son Billy, and son-in-law Glenn, brought fourteen fluke back to Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks on Sunday. The trio fished near the Shinnecock Inlet, reported a high percentage of shorts. Sherry Corr, with her son J.J. and Bruce from Rowland Boats and Motors discovered a live ocean on both Saturday and Sunday. Very large bluefish were noted in 100 feet of water. Blue shark were caught in 144 feet. One female blue shark, about six feet long was hooked, fought and released at boat side. A few minutes later, the same fish (with the previous hook and piece of leader dangling from its mouth), took another bait, and had to be cut free a second time. Marlin and schools of tuna were seen as close as a hundred feet of water but were difficult to catch.

On Thursday, Nevin Hebner of Farmingville and his friends, had the thrill of a life time while sharking on the charter boat Sea Mist. Captain Fred related that Nevin had just successfully fought and landed a tiger shark when a great white shark, estimated at fifteen feet long, entered the chum slick, possibly attracted by the fight of the tiger shark. Although Captain Fred made every effort to bait the big fish, it wasn't interested. The group had to be satisfied with many pictures they took of the shark as it swam in the slick for ten minutes. Location of this action was in 160 feet

of water, south of Shinnecock Inlet.

Last Wednesday, the charter boat M&M's once again fished the 41 fathom finger, this time with Herb Kinins along. Marilyn reported three albacore, three yellowfin tuna, and another bigeye of 195 pounds.

Captain Don Van DeWater reported on a couple of charter trips on the weekend on the **Dutch Treat**. On an afternoon charter with Eric Youngblood, twenty-six bluefish, averaging ten pounds were caught in 105 feet of water out of Shinnecock Inlet. Loads of cocktail size bluefish were seen in the inlet. Mike Dosik caught a half dozen bluefish. Captain Don reported lots of ocean life, tuna, marlin. Another blue marlin was caught on Thursday, on the boat "Fired Up" with Captain John Crowley. The 461 pound marlin took a lure trolled in 130 feet of water on a heading of 160 degrees from the inlet.

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South Shore REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Fluke continue to provide good action in both Moriches and Great South Bays while outside the inlets, a nice showing of yellowfin tuna within easy reach of both inlets.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

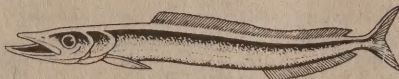
Gary Grunseich over at **Silly Lily Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** said that fluke fishing held up very well through the week and on Saturday but slumped on Sunday. Possibly a result of Saturday night's severe thunder and lightning. Most boats have been returning with 10 to 35 keepers per boat with the exception of Sunday with one out of three or four a keeper. On Saturday, Matt and John Viol returned from the Buoy 38 area with 38 keepers taken on both tides. Gary was particularly pleased that the top two fish in The Fisherman sponsored Moriches Fluke Derby held over the weekend were taken by anglers fishing from the Station on Saturday. Carol Burggerman nailed down first place with a 4.6 pounder while Mike Merto followed close on her heels with a 4.5 pound fluke. Gary added that there are lots of blue claws being taken and snappers are plentiful and getting bigger. Lots of small blues as well as an occasional weakfish being taken near Buoys 42 and 43 early and late in the day.

Jeannie Rose filled us in on the **Alma's** report for the week. She described the flucking as very good

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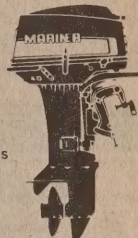
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during the week with lots of summer flatties to 5 pounds taken by fares aboard the Alma III. Most managed 6-8 keepers per man. Fishing did slip somewhat on the weekend but still

some nice fish were taken. On Sunday, John Sloviak had a 4 pounder on the morning trip. Jill Adornato had a similar sized fish on the afternoon trip. Some of the bigger fish are falling to smelt/squid combos. Some of the best fishing has been on the inlet bars when seas are calm, between buoys 39 and 42 and near the entrance to Great Gun Beach.

Walter Yackel, his 14-year-old son Christopher, Dr. Jack Gianolla, Warren Hoffman and Lorry Mangan launched at Forge River Boat Ramp on Tuesday. Fishing southeast of the inlet in 130 feet of water, one bluefin tuna, 64 lbs., and six yellowfin to 53 lbs. were taken on trolled green machines.

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There are a load of small snappers in all the creeks and rivers according to Paul Graniello of J & J Tackle in Patchogue. Young Gabe Cardamone

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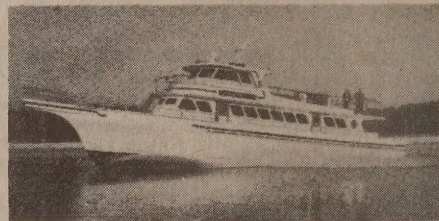
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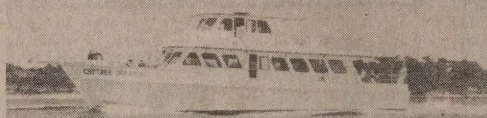
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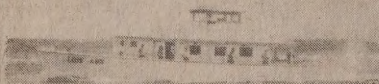
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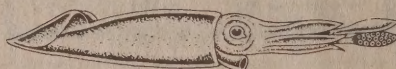
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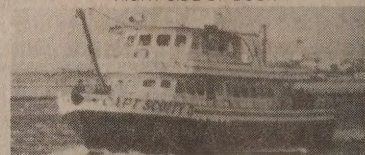
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and Richie Mason caught a pile of snappers including a few of 8-9 inches in the Patchogue River on Wednesday. They also put away a dozen big blue claw crabs. Crabbers have been doing a very good job with traps, lines and jacking them at night. Some good fluking in Moriches Bay as evidenced by Elaine and Sol Siegal and John and Michelle Braken of Ohio. Fishing aboard the "Noserider" the group caught 40 fluke of which 12 were keepers. Good fluke action also in Great South Bay with a lot of shorts but also a mixture of keepers to 4 pounds from Ocean Beach to the Coast Guard Station. On Friday, Ben Hudek, 7½ years old, fishing with his Dad and Brian Mulholland landed a 4½ pound Spanish mackerel among

a mess of small blues. The blues and the mackerel were taken in Fire Island Inlet on 007 jigs. Some small summer run weakfish from 2-4 pounds have been taken in East Channel, Range Channel, Heckscher and off of Sayville. A number of boatmen have been taking advantage of the good tuna fishing taking place close to the inlets. During the week, Lee and Greg Green used a Hexhead lure to troll up a 47½ pound yellowfin just 10 miles south of Moriches Inlet. On Saturday, John Wildman used a feather to take a 47 pounder in the same general area.

Over at J & R Sports Center in Oakdale, Al Colban spoke of a good showing of small blues in the inlet again this week with most being

taken early and late in the day. Some big weaks being taken on live bunker, live snappers, fresh bunker chunks and umbrella rigs near the Old Construction Dock and along South Beach. Fluking remains good with the best action from Ocean Beach to the Coast Guard Station. Lots of shorts but a fair number of 2-4 pound fish mixed with them. Small weaks in the 2-5 pound class at Buoy 5-Heckscher and Range Channel on nightcrawlers and squid strips. Good crabbing going on in the Connetquot River and in West Sayville and lots of small snappers at all the docks. For offshore anglers, bonito, yellowfin tuna and white marlin have been keeping trollers busy in the vicinity of the NA Buoy and to the east in 90 to 120' of water.

From **Peppy's Bait and Tackle** in **East Islip** Jim Romano reports that fluking remains strong with good numbers and bigger fish being found at the mouth and just outside the inlet when sea conditions permit. On Saturday, Bill Popelaski aboard his 'Free Bee' worked from the mouth of the inlet out to the Whistle Buoy and put away 18 keepers up to 3¹ pounds using spearing and fish belly strips. Back on Monday, 12 year old Chris Deutsch fishing aboard 'Daddy's Mistress' put away 12 keepers west of the Robert Moses Bridge. Jim added that there has also been plenty of good fluke action inside the bay from the Lighthouse to Ocean Beach though many of the fish are shorts. Small bluefish are again roaming inside of Fire Island Inlet early in the morning and in the evening. For shore fishermen, a fair pick of fluke from the Robert Moses Fishing Piers and lots of snappers around local docks though most are too small to keep. Some good catches of blue claw crabs reported from the vicinity of the Captree Bridge by boatmen jacking at night.

From **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore**, Carl Miller spoke of good fluking at the Bridge and the Inlet with the best action still on the last half of the flood tide. Sandeel or spearing and squid combos working well on the flatties. Small blues at the inlet and also back in the bay. One customer reported taking 75 from 2-3 pound from the Lighthouse and the Bridge on Wednesday. Some weakfish being livelined on snappers at the WR Buoy and the Construction dock on incoming water. Some big crabs around and snappers plentiful but small. On the offshore circuit, the best bluefishing has been from 80-100' of water to the SW where they are being jigged and chummed. Some good tuna action near the NA buoy and in 100-120 feet of water SE of the inlet. Yellowfins to 50 pounds as well as skipjack and bonito are being reported from the area. The canyon was a bust for many anglers on the weekend although one customer did load up on Thursday night with bigeyes and yellowfins. The secret to his success was chumming with sandeels and butterfish. Carl reminded that he has plenty of freshly rigged baits ready to go for the upcoming Capt. Bill's Tournament scheduled for this weekend.

Fisherman staffer John Raguso reported some good tuna action on Sunday while fishing aboard Frank Randolph's 38' Topaz, UBI I. Working the 120-140' depths SE of F.I. Inlet, 5 yellowfins up to 50 pounds were trolled on Green Machines and Cyclones. They also told of breaking off a 100 pound plus tuna in the vicinity of the Linda Wreck.

Capt. Neil Delaney of the **Bay Shore** open boat **Laura Lee** said that fluking continued excellent on most days this past week with one in four or five fish a keeper. Neil has been working from West Channel to the Coast Guard Station with the best ac-

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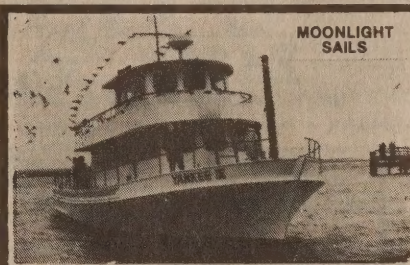
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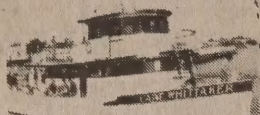
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tion still on the last half of the flood tide. On Sunday's trip, Neil's dad Warren kept 10 of the 35 fluke he decked. William Losse managed 11 keepers out of 25 fish. Paul Gianpalli continues to lead in the boat's Free Fishing For Life Contest with an 8 pound doormat.

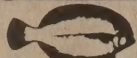
Capt. George Tweedy of the Captree open boat **Captain Scotty 3** said that fluking was very good especially on Saturday and Sunday with some catches of 7-10 keepers per man not unusual though Sunday's average was more in the neighborhood of 4 or 5 a man. Loads of throwbacks taken both days on both tides. Blues were picky during the week and very picky on the weekend. Much of the week saw from 40 to 100 blues a trip come aboard.

Last Thursday's Send A Kid Fishing trip saw 225 youngsters enjoy plenty of fine action with the fluke in the vicinity of the Robert Moses Bridge. The youngsters were spread among the Captree charter boats **Fishtale, Blue Albatross, Capt. Andy, Shearwater and Sea Bird**. While much of the action consisted of shorts, most of the kids managed a keeper or two.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** reported good fluking continued with a larger percentage of shorts this week. He spoke of more keepers early in the week when fishing was done on the outer bars under calm sea conditions. Sunday's afternoon trip also saw a shot of bigger fish with quite a few 2-2½ pounders taken. Pool fish was a 5½ pounder. The evening bluefish trips broke wide open at the inlet on Wednesday. Nineteen fares accounted for over 300 blues from 1-3 pounds. Richie and Susan Stiglitz counted 51 for their efforts. Aaron and Carl Grover managed 27 and Dave and Carol Borg, using 6 lb. spinning outfits put away 50 of the small chopers. Weekend action was hampered by a rough inlet although on Saturday a few blues and a 6 pound weak were taken back inside the bay.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy reported plenty of fluke action with a lot of shorts but a nice showing of fish up to 3 and 4 pounds. On Friday, Bruce Romanich put away 30 keepers to 4½ pounds. Same day Frank Lossasso counted 8 keepers. He topped his catch off with a 4.6 pound flattie. Bluefishing has tapered off somewhat but there were some decent reports from boatmen working beyond 70' of water south of the inlet. Troll with wire until you locate the fish and then chum to hold them. Some nice weakfish in the vicinity of the Wreck Buoy on live snappers and bunker. Snappers are plentiful at the local docks though most are only 4 or 5 inches. Crabs remain good with a steady pick for those working with traps. During the week, there was good action with tuna and sharks in the vicinity of the Oregon. Boatmen working the 110-120' depths tangled with yellowfin tuna of 40 to 80 pounds, 15 to 20

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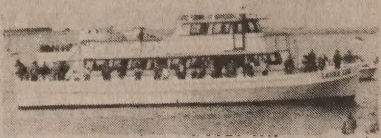
Jack Bruno displays the 13 lb. 2 oz. weak he landed inside Fire Island Inlet back on 6-16. The big tiderunner grabbed a white Jelly Worm. Subscriber photos.

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pound bluefins and bonito and skipjack. The Babylon Tuna Club hosted its annual invitational Marlin and Tuna Tournament on the weekend. In the day division, first place tuna was an 82 pound bigeye taken aboard the **Tork I** by T. Theling. First place mako was taken aboard Artie Orlandi's 'Fast Eddie'. It weighed 285 pounds and was beaten by Ralph Perrone. Artie had the inside track with sharks on the weekend as he also captured the largest shark prize for a 590 pound tiger. Charlie Samperisi was on the rod for this fish. In the overnight category, a 282 pound bigeye taken aboard the 'Jag Won' by D. DaMico captured first place honors. The largest billfish was a 56 pound sword-

fish taken aboard the 'Angel Jean' by Bob Sanches.

The **Babylon Captain's Association** hosted the Wooden Keg's Shark Contest this past weekend. First place went to a 194 pound tiger taken aboard 'Waterwitch'. A 123 pound mako taken aboard 'Capt. Hook' earned 2nd place honors while a 100 pound dusky caught aboard the 'Ida Jean' finished up in 3rd place.

According to Capt. Ralph Green aboard the open boat **Miss Babylon**, fluke fishing remains excellent from the Bridge to the Inlet with the pool fish each day in the 4-6 pound range. Most trips see fares average a half dozen keepers plus many shorts. Bob Rose was high hook on Friday with

an even dozen keepers.

Over at **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, Mike Andreani knew of some weaks up to 14 pounds being livelined at the WR Buoy and the Construction Dock on snappers and bunker. Fluking remains good with the best fishing still on the last three hours of the flood tide with fish well spread from the Lighthouse to the Inlet. Squid and sandeel combos have been working well but some of the larger fish are being taken on live snappers. Plenty of crabs and small snappers at all the local docks. A good showing of tuna and white marlin southeast of Fire Island inlet in 110-140 feet of water. Trolled Green Machines and Jap Feathers have been working on the fish.

Jimmy Schaefer speaking from **Charlie's Bait and Tackle** in **Lindenhurst** reported weighing a 12 pound weakfish for Kitty and Bob Albert on Saturday. It was taken at the inlet on a jig and squid strip combo. Fluking still very good in the inlet area but lots of shorts among them. Flounder are still being picked at the Thumb, in the deeper holes of the State Channel and from the Jones Beach and Robert Moses fishing piers. Snappers are small but plentiful and crabbing continues at a good pace. Bluefish action has slowed with the best fishing now in 100 feet of water south of the inlet with chummers having the edge. Despite this, Jim, along with Tom Kubicky and Mike Shahmian used chum and mackerel strips on the Patchogue Grounds on Sunday to take 25 blues to 15 pounds. Small blues are again being taken at the inlet on 007 jigs and sea bass to 3 pounds on the Ocean Reef and at Cholera on squid and clams.

Ralph Angelillo of **Z Crab Tackle** in **Patchogue** reported taking 4 weaks from 6 to 7 pounds on Jellyworms on Thursday. Other boatmen have been livelining fish with bunker and snappers. On Tuesday, Glen Rankin used jellyworms to take a pair of weaks at Ocean Beach. Lots of small blues on the Democrat side of the Inlet. Fluking remains good at the inlet with some of the better scores and bigger fish being taken on bucktails fitted with squid strips. Crabbing has been good in the canals and lots of small snappers are around the docks. Offshore, Neil Jensen returned from the Canyon aboard his Zuzucki Fever with 16 longfin albacore from 35-40 pounds. On Sunday, Dave Campo put his girlfriend Karen Gigante into her first mako aboard the 'Karen Ann'. The 70 pound fish was released. During the week, Capt. Artie put an 84 bigeye tuna aboard his 'Tuffy'. Jack Lombardo was on the rod in 140 feet of water. Paul Broden put a 142 pound hammerhead shark aboard Russ Charelli's 'Pleasure Bent'. Fishing alone on Saturday east of the NA Buoy, Bill Biscardi put away 3 yellowfin tuna aboard his 'High Hook'. He also told of dropping a big tuna at the boat.

Bob Vitale of **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor** spoke of a lot of fluke from the Lighthouse to the Inlet though a lot are shorts. Also bluefish from 1-3 pounds scattered around the Inlet this week. Barry Mack checked in with a big yellowfin aboard the 'Kathy II' on Saturday. A late report, but one worth mentioning was the 340 pound mako taken last Sunday by Don Purkess aboard the 'Nekihokki'. Bob labelled the crabbing and snapper fishing from local docks as very worthwhile though snappers are still a bit on the small side.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera spoke of continued good fluke fishing in Fire Island Inlet this week. Though many are shorts a few nice fish are mixing in. On Wednesday, Sal Castronovo topped off a catch of 15 keepers with a 5 1/4 pound fluke. They were taken at the mouth of the inlet on squid and killie combos. Frank reported a good shot of tuna action east of the NA Buoy in 95-120 feet of water. Green Machines accounted for quite a few yellowfins from 30 to 60 pounds as well as some football bluefins and skipjack tuna. Crabbing has been excellent from Lindenhurst to the Captree Bridge with boatmen working at night having the edge.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

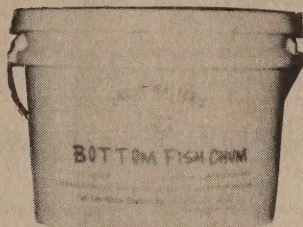
The weather became a little un-hinged towards the end of the week, putting down the bluefish action considerably Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but still not ruining it entirely. Fluke action remains very hot, with there still being a ton of throwbacks, but perhaps a slightly increasing keeper ratio and with those keepers being a bit larger too. Sand porgies are starting in the bay with weakfish and snappers around, along with early blue claws. Blowfish have made a showing. Offshore blues through Thursday were super and should continue again in this fashion by the time you read these reports. Plenty of tuna action from Texas Tower to the Canyon.

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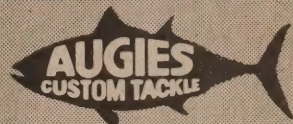
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Captain Sig Signorelli of the Sea-ford based charter boat **3 Sea-sons** reports that tuna fishing and shark fishing is now in full swing, with yellowfin and bluefin tuna being caught daily in large numbers. Larger tiger sharks, hammerheads and mako sharks are being taken by those chartering for shark trips. Capt. Sig wishes to remind his customers that he still has several choice days available for August and September tuna and shark fishing.

Over at **Wanser's Tackle**, Lon says

the fluking was about the same this week, with lots of midgets but also a lot of 5 and 6 pound keepers. Hottest areas have been Black Banks, Haunts and Goose Creeks on squid, spearing and killies. Lots of sand porgies off Massapequa, Fort Neck and Unqua Points. Small snappers plentiful. Good crabbing on the Massapequa flats. Weakfish being taken on sand worms and live snappers fished on a three foot leader at the Big M and Big W. Small blues along the Lido beach with larger blues out at 17 fathoms. Good flounder in the deep holes off the Short Beach CG station and in Zachs Bay.

Joe at **Kim's Reef Fishing Station** told of the Mark Daleo group of Massapequa which had 21 keepers Saturday, finding best results around the first Wantagh bridge. The Anthony DiLorenzo group totaled 8 keeper fluke on Sunday to 2¾ lbs. Joe says the keeper ratio seems to have increased a bit with his rentals averaging 5 to 6 keepers per boats.

Over at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh, Mike called the fluking fair to good, but best results at the Big W, Zachs Bay and just east of the measured mile on incoming using smelts or spearing. The first of the incoming at Jones produced a lot of

fish with a 10 percent keeper ratio, approx. In general, there has been roughly a 25 percent keeper ratio on fluke this past week. Floundering has been fair to good with best action on the SE side of the Big M, with best catching boats bouncing around and catching whatever is under the boat on bloods, incoming best. Snappers have been a good item at Wantagh Park and Seaman's Neck Park and Cedar Creek Park at high water using small spearing. Small blues and big weakies have been hitting jelly worms and tins in the inlet just after sunup. Bluefish at Cholera on bait and chum. Customer Walter and friend had 41 Wednesday up to 12 lbs.

We learned from Scott at **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore that the best fluking his customers have told him about has been in Reynolds, Jones and Swift Creek on squid, sand eels or spearing. Lots of throwbacks but the keepers are getting bigger and that's a definite. A few customers have been taking blues off the west end jetty in the 2 to 4 lb. range on tins.

We learn from **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick of plenty of sand porgies scattered throughout the bays and the fluking in Jones Inlet being on the increase as to keepers. Gary said divers that he knows told him flounder are paving the bottom close in at Short Beach CG station. A few blue claws around.

As for the Freeport action, the **Starstream II** has had very good bluefishing both day and night right through Thursday, but with the front moving through, the storm, rough seas and very hot weather, action fell off quite a bit for the weekend. However the skipper said things should return to normal by the time this report gets to you.

A call from Capt. Dennis of the charter boat **Corsair** told of Saturday's picky bluefish action for Pharmaceutical Card System of Valhalla, NY, with fish to 4 lbs. and a stray bonito mixed in. They worked from the Jones pipeline to 3 Sisters. It was fluke on Sunday for EJ's Pub of Bellmore with lots of action on incoming in Jones, fish to 3 1/2 lbs. There were four fish over 3 lbs. taken and of course lots of midgits but with a good number of keepers also. Tide and wind coincided in the AM for the best action on spearing and sand eels.

We hear from Capt. Sy Carlin's **Bluefin Fleet** that the bluefishing was very good through Saturday AM, but the afternoon and night trips Saturday turned poor as the front moved through. However, things were good on Sunday. Tom Felice of the NYFD had 42 on Tuesday. Bill McGrady caught in the high 20s. All action was within 8 miles of the beach and to the west out of Jones. Fluking improved quite a bit with Sunday being an excellent day fishing locally and in Jones Inlet. A 4 1/2 lber. took the pool. A new batch of fish seems to have moved in on Sunday and the day also produced more keepers. Sunday's trip for the Nassau Co. Bus drivers group

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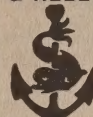
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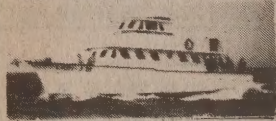
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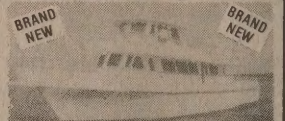
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Skipper Mike Dannon of the **Capt. Lou Fleet** called the fluking very good all week with keepers up to 6¼ lbs. and high hooks on the full day boat in the teens with plenty of throwbacks mixed in. On the half day boat, action was very good also with plenty of throwbacks and enough keepers to make everyone happy, with high hooks into the low teens. The 4:30 PM flounder trips have also been producing fairly well. Friday PM's high hook was 30 flatties. Mike said he is accepting moonlight cruises and also has night charters available.

Continuing to flounder fish is the **Captain Andy II** with a 2 trip a day schedule. The skipper says the catches are still fair to very good with fish of mixed sizes and fat. Action is all local with the flood being best.

A call from Capt. Pat of the **Lady J III** and **IV** told of good bluefishing all week except for Saturday with fish running 2 to 4 lbs. on diamonds. The night blues were very good on bait at midweek. Fluke trips produced lots of short fish but with an increasing keeper ratio and a fair number of keepers went into the buckets. Trips this week were for: John McGuines group, A Best & Co., Oceanside Community Activities, Jeanette Brandofino group, Archie McQueen party, Joy Doyle group, Dwelling Managers group and Bill Ryan party.

We learned from the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** that the **Super Spray II** and the charter boats fluking this week had their quota of midgets and also of good size keepers fishing Jones Inlet and the Big M area. Night blue trips on the **SS II** were good through Thursday, and then action dropped off. The charter fleet found the same type of bluefish action. The Christie Lee had longfin and yellowfin tuna working from the Texas Tower to the canyon. Aboard the **Mirage** this week a 60 lb. white marlin, a 177 lb. bigeye and a bunch of yellowfin were taken.

In nearby Pt. Lookout Skipper Al Lindroth of the **Captain Al** told of loads of blues caught this past week. Fares had a super day Tuesday off Riis Park, catching until they cried for mercy. Sunday saw very good catches also. Tato Lopez of the Bronx had 35, while Ralph Martinez had 28. Roosevelt Rogers on Saturday had 42. Al said that even the casual fishermen had 10 to 20 apiece. Fish have been ranging in the 2 to 15 lb. class. There have been a few bonito mixed in during the week. Sunday's 16 fares had over 300 blues. Come and get 'em says the skipper.

A call from the charter boat **Marie III** told of Wednesday's and Saturday's bluefish charters working off Long Branch, NJ. Solid catches were had on 10 to 15 fish per person, fish from 1 to 3 lbs. Thursday and Sunday's wreck fishing trips working local wrecks had mixed bags of sea bass, blacks and ling.

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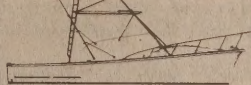
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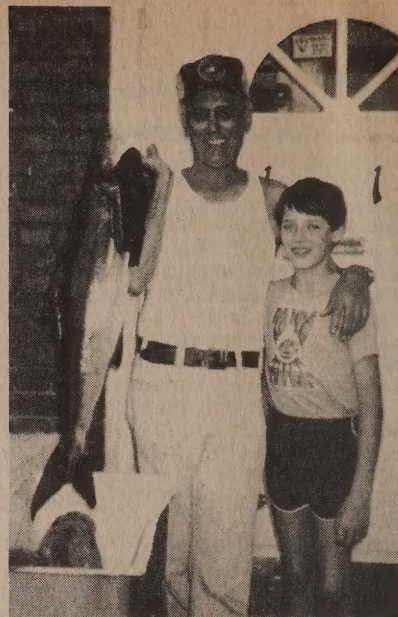
Miss Point Lookout II is of the noticeable increase in fluke activity. Flood tide was especially good in the back and in Jones Inlet. Thursday AM saw Norm Harper with 13 keepers, Lois Dorman with 8 keepers and Bill Trappu with 11 keepers. Dave Edwards bagged the pool with a 3 iber. Friday AM Cliff Albertson had 10 keepers and in the PM Steve Whitsun had a 3 lb. pool fish. Saturday's PM trip had Fred Whitsun with a 3¼ lb. pool winner. Saturday's AM trip afforded a 4 lb. pool winner for Wayne Baker. It was a 3 lb. pool fish Sunday PM for regular Mike. Saturday's AM trip saw over 200 keeper fluke go into buckets. Ron says there's nearly a 50 percent keeper ratio on the flood and about a 25 percent keeper ratio on the ebb. The boat's night bluefishing was great early in the week. John McCordle Sr. and Jr. had nearly 100 between them. High hooks ran from the 20s to the 60s. Due to the storms, the weekend was way off. However, the fish are definitely there and should bounce back again as the conditions settle down.

Word out of **Scotty's Fishing Station** is of Brian Koehl's 4 lb. fluke and 2 lb. fluke taken in Jones Inlet on killies and spearing. Good fluking in Reynolds and Sloop channels. Very productive sea bassing at the stone barge and other inshore wrecks with fish to 6 lbs. Flatties continue to be caught at buoy 17 and Cinder Creek on worms. Even the blackfishing has improved at the Big M and the Loop bridge on fiddlers. Bigeye and yellowfin tuna being chummed up by the offshore fleets.

Arlene at **Ed's Fishing Station** spoke of good flounder activity. Paul Giovanello and Frank Prieto of Ridge-wood totalled 66 flatties on a dropping tide on bloods fishing off the CG station and Swift. There's been good fluking in Reynolds, she said. Mike Barnett on his charter boat **Codfather** had 20 keeper fluke working the stone barge, fish to 7 lbs. and no throwbacks, on bucktails tipped with squid strips. Cholera has been the place for big blues. Mitch Sisun and Dave Goldberg of Lynbrook boated blues to 15 lbs. on bunker and mackerel chunks. Snappers and small porgies off the west marina pier. Loads of calico crabs all over.

A call from Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** out of Atlantic Beach said that he just returned from giant tuna fishing at Montauk and his charters had more giants and bigger giants than any other boat out there. The boat has just returned to Atlantic Beach. All of the Montauk charters had fish and many got their first giant. Ron said the boat sailed 16 trips. Eleven giants were boated to 703 lbs. and two giants were lost. He's now booking September and October Jersey Mud Hole giant tuna trips.

Bernie at **Long Beach Boat Rentals** talked of continued excellent fluke action in Reynolds Channel with buoy 3 and 1 being hot. Fluke to 7 lbs. were taken during the week. Steve Furrigio bagged a 7 iber. at buoy 1 on a smelt, while Brian McGovern using smelts took a 4½ iber. Weakfish are now under the bunker schools in Reynolds. Bob King bagged a 9 iber. Blues and bass at the ABB for trollers



Here's an oddity for our area. This 18 lb. cobia was caught by Dom Maddelana, shown with his son. The southern visitor was taken at the Rockaway Point jetty on a fluke bait. Photo courtesy of Stella Maris Fishing Station in Sheepshead Bay.

and live liners. Blue claws starting to show in the back creeks while snappers and tinker mackerel are in good numbers in Tubby's Hole.

We hear from **Beckmann's Tackle** in Lynbrook of a fair number of keepers mixed in with the short fluke. small snappers in the 5 to 6 inch range have now started providing good action for the kids. Fairly good blue claw crab activity in the back bays and on the poles.

In Franklin Square, Fred at **Cast-A-Way Bait And Tackle** passed the news that Matt Wasserman on the boat Mary III out of East Rockaway bagged a 127 lb. hammerhead shark fishing in 130 feet of water SE of Jones. Also, Fred knew of lots of tuna, bonito and albies in 130 to 150 feet of water due south. Good fluking in Reynolds near the keystone yacht club. Weaks on live bunker under the Big M and ABB in early morning hours from 3AM to sunup and very good floundering off the CG station using bloods on a dropping tide.

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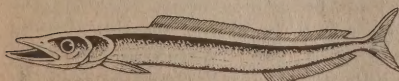
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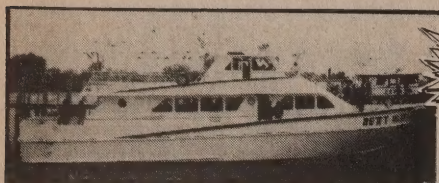
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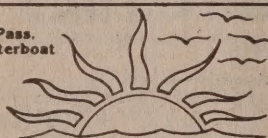
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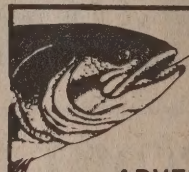
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Basin to the Marine Parkway bridge. Blues are all over Jamaica Bay said Jack with the largest from Marine Parkway bridge to Norton's Point. Len Lamia had 25, 10 to 15 lbs. on chunks at Norton's, daytime. Pete C and Alex K on the boat Vanilla fishing SSW of Montauk Point boated several longfin tuna. Lots of sand porgies and snappers off both north and south channel bridges.

Artie at Cross Bay Bait and Tackle in Howard Beach tells us fluking in his area has been very active on all baits with both bridges working along with the Marine Parkway bridge. Lots of sand porgies on sands or bloods. Blues in the darkness on chunks the first 2 hours of outgoing and the first 2 hours of incoming with a few weaks mixed in. Small snappers and big Bccs. A 3 lb. fluke was taken on squid and killie from the South Channel bridge on outgoing for the Smith

family. A 2½ lb. fluke was caught at the Marine Parkway bridge on outgoing by Larry Kelly fishing an Uncle Josh pork rind/killie combo. Also using this same combo, Jim Morris fishing the same Marine Pkwy bridge area bagged fluke of 6½ and 5¼ lbs.

Out of Sheepshead Bay the Zephyr had good fluking in the lower bay all week and also between the channels. On Sunday afternoon action was very good with fish to 4 lbs. Butch says this week there's been about a 60 percent keeper ratio with best results on spearing and sand eels. He says they bit right through the weather that moved through and that know they are hitting best on various pieces of the tide.

Captain Bob of the Flamingo III said that although the weekend's bluefishing was picky due to the storm, customers had excellent fish-

ing right through Friday. Bob said many had 40 to 50 fish with scattered weakfish running 8 to 12 lbs. Blues averaged 2 to 8 lbs. with a few 12 to 16 lb. slammers mixed in. He says there are still tons of blues off the NJ beaches.

The Mad Mario report from Mike's Tackle is of good sea bassing off the Highlands, fair blackfishing at Seabright and fair porgy action off the Rockaways. Bluefishing was a slow number Friday, Saturday and Sunday but it was very good in the early part of the week. Best bet has been the fluke action on the black side of Ambrose. Weakfishing has slowed but it's still worth a try using any form of fresh or live bunker at the Tin Can, the college or off Staten Island. Some bonito off Seabright according to regular customer Sal. Good snapper and tinker mackerel catches for the kids in the bay.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

Bluefish action was still the main attraction almost everywhere with porgies and fluke as side shows. Weekend weather was a problem in some quarters with strong south winds on Saturday and a threat of heavy thunderstorms on Sunday.

WESTERN SOUND

Jim DiCuffa at Jack's Bait on City Island told us that five boats braved Saturday's storm and came in safely, but that none went out in Sunday's rain. Cubans Ledge was hot during the week for blues of ten pounds or more, but the choppers were everywhere. Orchard Beach was particularly good, and shorelines featured cocktails. Craig Jones and Todd Murphy struggled last Saturday to boat the biggest slammer of the season so far, a twenty pounder. Live killies were producing fluke around Prospect Point, and Execution Light featured small porgies.

Dom Cerbone was facing fairly strong tides in thirty-five to forty feet of water for porgy fishing on the Apache out of City Island. He figured that most fares had fifteen to twenty good sized fish per trip. There was usually an odd tautog or weakfish aboard and a number of keeper fluke in the three to four pound class as well. The best fluke of the season so far has been a seven pounder. These summer flounder are being taken as a by-catch on high hook worms over rocky bottoms.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Claire Cedar from Huntington Prop said that there were now some large porgies off Caumsett and around Buoy 13. That zone off Eatons also featured loads of blues from two to five pounds and a few bass to fifteen. Weigh-ins this week at the shop included Paul Ladden's 4.8 pound fluke and Terry Stuvén's 11.2 weakfish.

John Alberda's Sound Charter's TJ called and gave some details of the exciting fishing with Tiger Jigs (one to two ounces) for blues. In only a half day's charter Bruce and Ellen Williams had a huge catch of fish in the four to eight pound class. The Blums, Doc, Dave and Nat hauled roughly thirty blues in the twelve to eighteen

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pound class from Northport Avenue. These slammers were taken on large plugs, trolled with mono, as well as by casting and by jigging. The fish moved to the outside during the course of the trip. Rich and John Lundberg had twenty slammers and twenty choppers from four to nine pounds on another trip. Alberda notes that he takes one or two bass each trip and sees an occasional weak as well. He figures that there should be a good shot at these species in August.

Tom Bowman at Bowman's in Northport figured that this week's report was almost a repeat of last week's. There were blues on the beaches almost every morning and evening. For instance, poppers such as Atoms and Creek Chubs in one and a half and two ounce sizes took fish to ten pounds off Makamha on Sunday morning. During daylight hours the combination of electronics and diamond jigs was deadly. Fluking was still strong around Marshall Field on combination baits. Porgies were nice sized around Buoy 8, and there were scup at the Obstruction Buoy as well. Snapper action was also picking up.

Roy Cash of the Port Jeff Ace liked the full buckets of porgies to one and a quarter pounds that many of his fares were carrying home from the 8a.m. bottom trips. There were also occasional weaks and fluke. Helen Sellers had a 6.8 pound fluke and there was a seven pound weakfish last week. Another outstanding catch was a four and a half pound sea bass. Cash figures that he sees about ten nice sea bass every day and that most of the weakfish are chasing the small bergalls that get into the action around the boat. Evening trips feature all blues in the two to four pound class, though a school of six to ten pound choppers did show around Mount Sinai on Saturday.

Bruce Cash was doing well with the Prowler and the catch was typically twenty-five per person on the best days. This was shallow water casting with three to four ounce AVA and Teardrop jigs.

Ralph's in Mount Sinai figured that most of the blues checked at the station were in the four pound class or smaller. The best fishing was tide dependant. Some of the rentals were seeing larger porgies off Miller Place. There were a lot of short fluke around the inlet, the harbor, and the Pink House with an occasional fluke to four pounds.

The My Yacht II's Captain, Frank Ingargiola, called to tell us about a couple of successful charters for Bob Sker from Kings Park and Charles Dyruff. Sker's group had over sixty blues, a few were in the ten to twelve pound class and were taken in the late afternoon. Dyruff's party had nearly twice as many blues to four pounds and one "Uncle Frank" managed a seven pound bonito. The best action on the larger fish was in forty to fifty feet of water with small AVA 007 jigs and large hooks. Tubes and larger jigs were not so effective. Plain AVA 27's



Eight-year-old Clinton Bartow took this nice fluke on a Jelly Worm in Lloyd's Harbor back in early July. Photo courtesy of Greenlawn Sport Shop.

with no tubes in thirty feet were the medicine used by the open boat fares, most of whom could count on three to ten blues per person.

The **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** said that bluefish action off the beaches was a nightly affair with most fish in the three quarter to one and a half pound class (locally). Porgies close to the beach were numerous and sands dominated the scup sizes. Fluking featured a lot of shorts, but Mark Halvorsen showed up with three fluke to four pounds from East Moriches and weighed his biggest.

NORTH FORK

Phil Loria at **Captain Marty's** in **New Suffolk** said that the first catches of summer weakfish were reported over the weekend. Two boats had four fish each, weaks to five pounds. In addition there were takes of twenty-eight and twenty porgies in sizes up to mediums. This action was at the end of the outgoing and the start of the incoming off Buoy 28. Chumming was essential.

Maureen Carafis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** explained that porgy catches varied greatly from boat to boat because of the bluefish activity in the areas east of the pipe. Most of the blues were small, two to three pound fish, but they were awfully tough on the scup.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** figured that Jessups still had cocktail blues at the tail of the incoming tide and that porgy catches were best on Sound in the Rocky Point and Petty's Bight areas. Ed Czelatka has been

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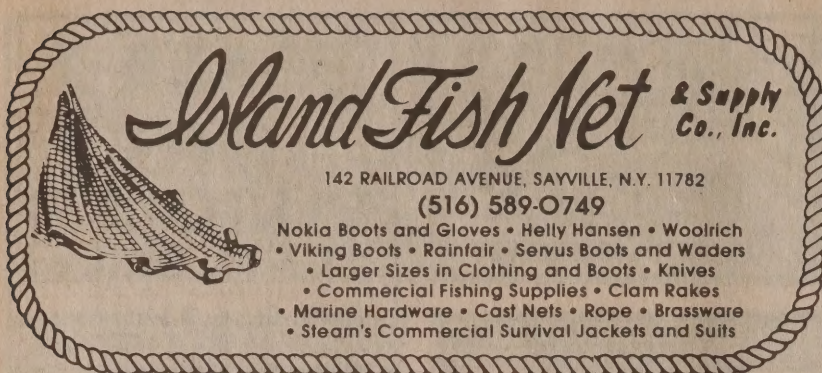
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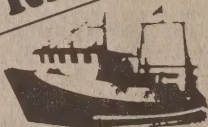
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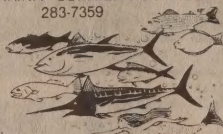
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Fluking off the east end demanded a lot of patience and a careful touch. Even then it was essential to steam far to the east and find patches of bottom that were relatively untouched. John Rainis seemed to have about the best reports of anyone with the **Prime Time III**. Some of his trips produced fifty to seventy fish with only a few throwbacks, and the drifting was in forty-five feet of water. Best pools ran seven to eight pounds. Because of weather conditions, Larry Ciccotto was forced to stay close over the weekend and found mostly shorts and a tough grind off Trumans, Gull, and Plum. The boat continues to carry around fifteen or more on weekday's and over twenty-five on weekends.

Pete Izzo called to say that a fluke charter on Saturday aboard the **BoAnne II** from **Southold** fished deep water near Eastern Plains Point and pulled four to five to nearly five pounds. The afternoon off Great Gull produced some twenty-three keepers and fifty shorts. This was somewhat better than a couple of the picky weekday half-day trips where, of necessity, the fishing had to be confined to Plum Island, Petty's, and Orient. Throwbacks dominated the catch there and the high hook was an eight fish total on Thursday. Izzo, with open charter dates, will be porgy fishing and fluke fishing on half day open boat trips this Saturday and Sunday.

Dave Darrow caught up with us and gave us some exciting reports of live bait fishing trips with the **Tiderunner** out east. These were "triple crown trips" according to Darrow with virtually no fish under seven pounds and bass up to fifty along with a number of weakfish. The best three charters included Doc Rausch of Greenport, Michael Dempsey of Westhampton Beach and John Schiff of Manhattan, and Chris Cyprus from **Warren's in Aquebogue**. Cyprus who specializes in bass, had a twenty-five, two thirties, and two forties and all three trips totaled seventeen bass. Darrow also took a fine porgy charter for Juan and Peter Torres on Saturday. They had a couple of hundred fish before 2p.m. in thirty-five feet of water.

Roddy DeLisle of the **Prowler** called to detail two excellent trips on Friday and Saturday. Henry Biscardi had a mixed bag that included a three pound flounder, and Juanita Venables, Roosevelt Brooks and Company teamed up for a bag of several hundred fish that included mostly porgies plus a dozen flounder and a dozen sea bass.

Richie Jensen of the **Nancy Ann** took a busman's holiday with John Sinning offshore on the **Sundowner** with fifty class gear and managed fifteen tuna, seven of which were yellowfins from sixty to ninety pounds. They were fourteen miles

southeast of Montauk. The evening bluefishing is superb and parties are small. These are six to ten pound choppers taken mostly from the Race and Pigeon Rip.

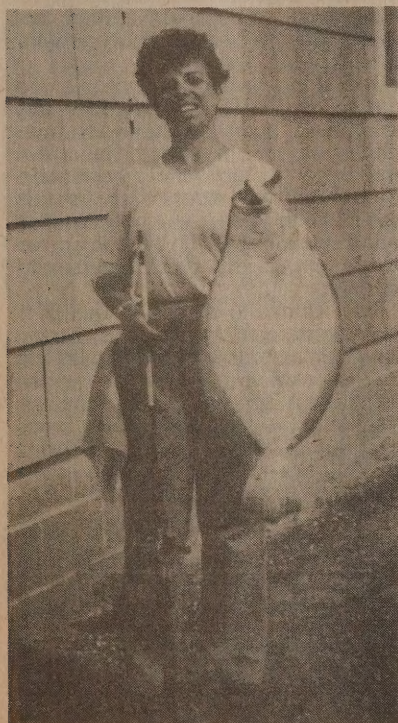
Sunday's trip on the **Prime Time III** had very good fluke action at Truman's Beach, unfortunately 99 percent were shorts. The pool was won by George Johnson, whose only fish beat out Lorry Mangan's by a fraction of an ounce. George, the president of the Unicorn fishing Club of West Islip was fishing with members Roscoe Scicci, Tony Connessa and Artie "Skunked" Ray.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Despite the calendar and the oppressive heat wave, surf fishermen still managed to find a few rays of sunshine this past week with some surprisingly good shots at quality fish taking place at South Shore inlets.

Out in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch of



LIF subscriber Jane Kilthau hefts the 12 lb. 2 oz. doormat fluke she boated back on June 15th at Horton's Point. She caught it on the Fishalot and weighed it at Port of Egypt Marina. The big flattie tied the IGFA Women's 12 lb. class record.

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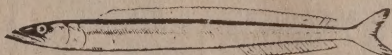
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Twelve-year-old Chris Bianco with a pair of teen-size blues, his first, taken from the Cedar Beach surf on bunker chunks. Subscriber photo.

Johnny's Tackle Shop reported a few fish around this week with a handful of weaks picked at Shagwong on Wednesday and Thursday nights. One caster did manage four weaks. Johnny also knew of a couple of weaks taken under the light over the course of the week. A body of very small bass, some as little as 12 to 14 inches around the Point this week and along the sand beaches. School bass were taken at the Transformers and at Ditch Plains. The only bluefish report concerned the brief flurry of action on the South Side on Wednesday morning.

Paul Graniello at J & J Tackle in Patchogue checked in a 7 pound weakfish for Mark Malenofsky on Thursday AM. It was taken on a green Needlefish up front at Montauk Wednesday night. Paul knew of some small blues taken along the Smith Point Shore with some action at the inlet as well. An occasional weak mixed with the small blues on both the east and west sides of Moriches Inlet. A couple of reliable sources who preferred anonymity reported action with big blues on the Cedar Bar at Fire Island Inlet Wednesday and Thursday nights. Blues up to 20 pounds were taken on Needlefish plugs and bait. Reet Wasserman of Long Beach beach her first ever blues in the surf. The pair weighed in at a hefty 19 and 16 pounds and were taken on Needlefish.

A call from Gateway Striper Club member Joe Augeri revealed that the backside of Breezy Point was hot from Tuesday through Saturday nights with plenty of bass action on

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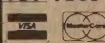
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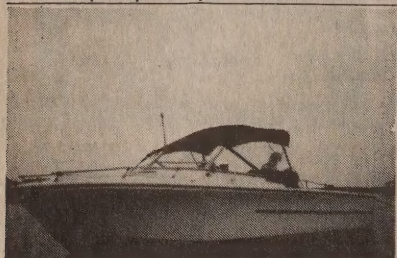
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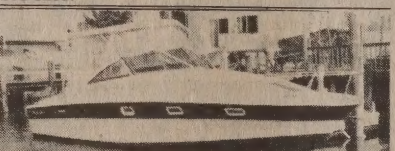
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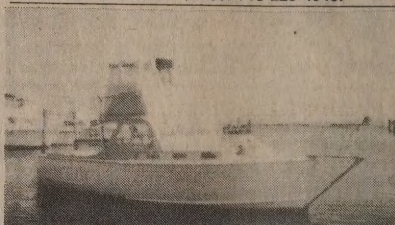
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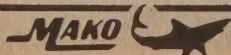
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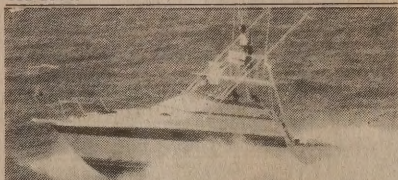
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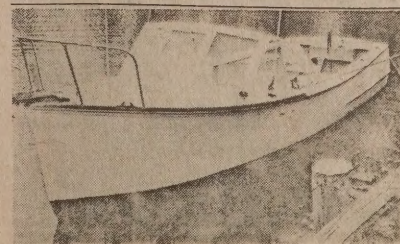
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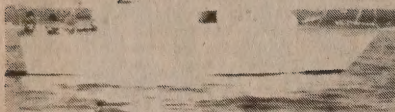
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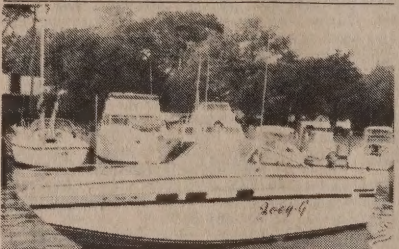
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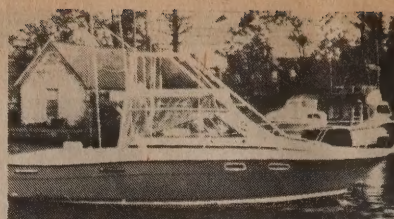
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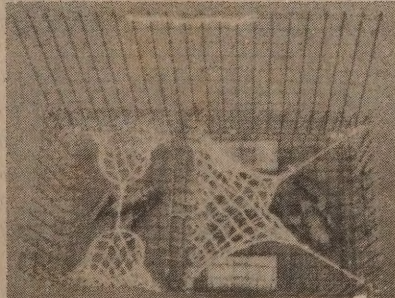
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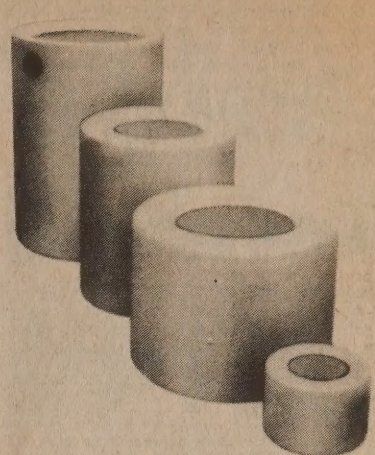
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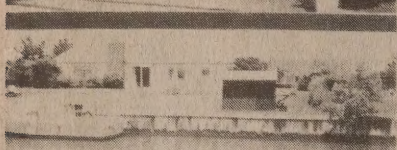
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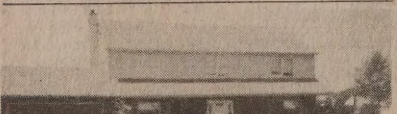
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swimming plugs. Most of the fish fell into the 8 to 12 pound range with a few teen fish mixed in. Fellow club member Terry Farrell had one of the better fish of the week—a 24 pounder that nailed a Bomber. Redfin swimmers accounted for the majority of the fish according to Joe. Joe used Danny Plugs to take weakfish of 7 and 10 pounds at Great Kills Park on Saturday morning. He reported other fish taken on bunker chunks by other anglers. He also added that a fellow club member has been doing a good job on weakfish and big blues on bunker chunks at Manhattan Beach.

Up on the North Shore, a call from Mel at **Greenlawn Sports Shop** revealed some bluefish action in the Northport area. Joe Makinajian used popping plugs to take a pair of 10 pound blues and a pair of 5 pounders Thursday morning at Makamah. Mel also told of some stray weaks taken at Sand City on bait last week.

Other sources reported steady action with small blues mornings and evenings along beaches in the Rocky Point to Wading River area. Still some school bass being taken on night tides.

Freshwater REPORT with Tom Schlichter

Reports this week were difficult to come by as those anglers who have been fishing have not stopped back at the shops to show off any results. Tackle shop personnel also seem to feel that with salt water species such as fluke and bluefish available in good numbers, most anglers are opting to work the briny. From the reports we did receive, it is apparent that freshwater bass action continues to be held in the grasp of the mid-summer "doldrums". With the exception of the Peconic River system, bass fishing is at a standstill with catches sporadic and small fish predominant. Action with trout is non-existent in local lakes, ponds and tidal creeks, however, some very good fishing has occurred in the parks and upstate. On the brighter side, carp, catfish and panfish are hitting well just about everywhere.

Fred Mello of **Cast-A-Way Bait and Tackle, Franklin Square**, called to tell us that bass fishing at Hempstead Lake has been slow over the past two weeks but local kids are catching a few shorts in Grant Park. Carp and catfish are both available to anglers working worm or corn baits on the bottom in Hempstead Lake. The carp are only small to average in size but at least they are willing to feed.

At **Causeway Bait and Tackle,**

Wantagh, Bobby Turtarello reports freshwater fishing is very slow. Even if some fish are being taken, no one is stopping back to the shop to pass on the information. This same sentiment was also expressed at **Beckmann's Bait and Tackle** in Lynbrook and **Edelman's Sportsman's Center, Farmingdale.**

From Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle**, we hear that although bass, pickerel and trout have been pretty quiet, anglers using corn or bread baits have been scoring fairly well with carp in local lakes.

At Caleb Smith State Park, Mike Venuti mentioned that the rain we received over the weekend was needed indeed. "But did we have to get it all at once?", he wondered. On Sunday, fishing was slow because the Nissequogue was high and muddy. Prior to the rain, however, a trend toward some better than average sized fish had developed. Over the last week, several trout in the eighteen inch to twenty inch range were reported with an eighteen inch brookie and 4.5 pound rainbow leading the way. As usual at this park, there seems to be no clear cut favorite where flies are concerned but no matter what pattern, black seems to be the best color choice. The trout here are feeding on streamers, dries and small nymphs.

From **J&R Sports Center** in Oakdale, Rod informs us that John Llanes of Ronkonkoma took nine trout, including a three pound rainbow from Connetquot River State Park on Saturday. Rick and Pat Kenchan also stopped by this week to pass on word that they had connected with five carp from ten pounds to seventeen pounds, five big bluegills, and a large catfish. All were taken in Peconic River.

Over at **J&J Bait and Tackle** in Patchogue, Paul Graniello reports that the three some of Ray Soucy, Joe Gruny and Bill Grodzicki of Medford, combined to nail a total of fifteen largemouths and four pickerel in the Peconic on Sunday. Most of the bass were average sized but the pickerel weighed in at 4.3 pounds and is being mounted. Paul also noted that some nice trout catches have come from the Connetquot River in recent days with nymphs the hot ticket.

From his **Fisherman's Deli** in Riverhead, George Devlin tells us he knows where all the bass are hiding, in the Peconic River. Anglers scored well this past week with small and medium sized fish. Small spinners, especially Rooster Tails, are doing the most damage all day long but some larger fish are falling for surface plugs at dawn and dusk. Panfish have been outstanding on worms or small grubs fished below a bobber.

A call from Ken Josephson of **Crazy Chief Ski and Sport, Hunter Mountain** New York, reveals that last weekend's heavy rains muddied the normally clear streams where anglers had been averaging five or six trout apiece. Ken expects fishing to return to normal in a day or two.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet —0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK		BREAKWATER HARBOR		NEW YORK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGEPORT		NEWPORT		DATE
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
THURS.	4:15	4:50	5:15	5:50	5:05	5:35	6:25	6:45	8:55	9:10	8:10	8:25	4:20	4:50	7/31
FRI.	5:20	5:40	6:10	6:35	6:05	6:30	7:20	7:30	9:45	10:00	9:00	9:15	5:15	5:40	8/1
SAT.	6:15	6:30	7:00	7:25	7:00	7:15	8:05	8:10	10:30	10:40	9:45	10:00	6:05	6:25	8/2
SUN.	7:05	7:15	7:45	8:10	7:45	8:00	8:45	8:50	11:15	11:20	10:30	10:40	6:50	7:10	8/3
MON.	7:45	7:55	8:30	8:50	8:30	8:40	9:20	9:25	11:50	—	11:10	11:20	7:35	7:55	8/4
TUES.	8:25	8:35	9:10	9:30	9:10	9:15	10:00	10:05	12:15	12:05	11:50	—	8:15	8:35	8/5
WED.	9:06	9:10	9:50	10:05	9:50	9:50	10:40	10:45	12:30	12:30	12:25	12:40	9:00	9:15	8/6
THURS.	9:45	9:50	10:25	10:45	10:25	10:25	11:15	11:25	1:00	1:00	1:05	1:15	9:40	9:50	8/7

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehobeth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freepore Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00

Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Brantford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	—0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	—0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point, north side	—1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	—0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10

Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	—1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/31	5:52	8:19
FRI. 8/1	5:53	8:18
SAT. 8/2	5:54	8:17
SUN. 8/3	5:55	8:16
MON. 8/4	5:56	8:15
TUE. 8/5	5:57	8:13
WED. 8/6	5:58	8:11

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 7/31	1:05AM	4:45PM
FRI. 8/1	1:40AM	5:40PM
SAT. 8/2	2:25AM	6:35PM
SUN. 8/3	3:15AM	7:20PM
MON. 8/4	4:20AM	8:00PM
TUE. 8/5	5:20AM	8:30PM
WED. 8/6	6:30AM	9:00PM

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8/5	8/13	8/19	8/27

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	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	1:30	7:30	1:40	7:55
Fri.	2:05	8:20	2:30	8:45
Sat.	3:00	9:05	3:15	9:30
Sun.	3:45	9:55	4:05	10:20
Mon.	4:35	10:40	4:50	11:10
Tues.	5:25	11:30	5:40	11:55
Wed.	6:05	—	6:30	12:30
Thurs.	7:00	12:45	7:25	1:10

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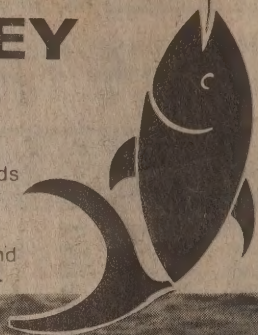
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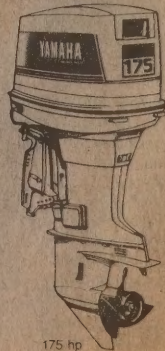
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